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VATICAN LIBRARY CRASH: PRICELESS MSS BURIED.

RIGHT WING IN RUINS.

FRANTIC SEARCH FOR VICTIMS.

BUILT IN 1588.

Vatican City, Dec. 22. Three floors of the right wing of the famous Vatican Library, built by Pope Sixtus V. in 1588, and housing immensely valuable works of art, collapsed this afternoon. The Fire Brigade is frantically searching in the debris in fear that some workmen or other persons have been buried. Luckily, however, the majority of the staff and also the workmen engaged in the restoration of the Library had departed just before the accident.

London, Later. Press telegrams from Rome state that the entire right wing of the Library is in ruins. The crash followed the collapse of the roof. It is still uncertain whether there were any casualties.

Brigade Overwhelmed. All the available fire brigades of the city of Rome were rushed to the assistance of the Vatican Brigade which was overwhelmed by the task.

Quarter of Library Buried. The section of the building involved in the disaster constitutes about a quarter of the whole library and it is estimated that about 10,000 volumes are buried among the debris.

Some are of enormous value, and included among the other precious manuscripts believed to be buried is a letter from Martin Luther in reply to Pope Leo X's first warning on his heresies.

It is hoped that the majority will be recovered. The many priceless MSS embrace Hebrew and Oriental besides classical collections.—*Reuter and British Wireless.*

ROYAL FAMILY'S CHRISTMAS.

ALL TO GATHER AT SANDRINGHAM.

London, Dec. 22. Their Majesties the King and Queen left King's Cross station by train this afternoon on their way to Sandringham, where they will spend the Christmas. They were accompanied by Princess Elizabeth and Princess Margaret Rose.

The Prince of Wales, the Duke and Duchess of York and Prince George will join the Royal Family party before Christmas Day.

If the weather is suitable it is expected that the Princess will travel to Sandringham by air.—*British Wireless.*

WOMAN TO ARGUE DISARMAMENT.

U.S. DELEGATION TO CONFERENCE.

Washington, Dec. 22. General Charles G. Dawes, American Ambassador in London, has been appointed to head the United States delegation to the World Disarmament Conference. It is understood that President Hoover intends to include a woman in the delegation and has invited "a lady of quality and prominence" to accept the post.—*Reuter's American Service.*

Whilst working on board the s.s. Grootekerk yesterday afternoon, two coolies employed by the Kowloon Godowns, who were unloading drums of acid, were severely burned and were later taken to the Kwong Wah Hospital for treatment.



One of the most interesting discoveries made in Egypt for many years is reported by Reuter to day, the royal palace of Queen Nefretas at Tell el Armarna. Our picture shows a false door of the royal residence excavated on the site some four months ago, behind which the palace proper was unearthed.

THE SECRET OF TELL EL ARMARNA.

QUEEN'S PALACE UNEARTHED IN CITY OF HERETIC PHAROAH.

(Reuter's Special Service).

Cairo, Dec. 22. Notable discoveries have been made by the Egypt Exploration Society's Expedition at Tell el Armarna, the short-lived capital city built by the Heretic Pharaoh, Akhenaten.

Excavation work has been proceeding for some considerable time and wonderful treasures have been unearthed, including the luxurious home of Nefertiti, an over-seer.

False Doors. Recently, however, in cleaning

Ford Jumps into Harbour.

LIGHTS REMAIN ON IN WATER.

Frantic efforts enabled the occupants of a Ford motor-lobby, which ran over the Praya wall into the harbour in the early hours of this morning, to escape.

The vehicle went over in Connaught Road West opposite French Street and, a curious thing, the headlights continued to glare for some hours afterwards.

The Fire Brigade was today searching in the debris in fear that some workmen or other persons have been buried. The mishap occurred shortly

Air-Mail Race Against Time.

Imperial Airways Planes in Tremendous 5,000-Mile Dash.

(Reuter's Special Service).

London, Dec. 22. Imperial Airways liners are engaged upon a tremendous five-thousand mile dash to Crovdon in order to deliver, by Christmas morning, the mail from Central Africa and Egypt.

Calcutta flyingboats and Armstrong-Siddeley air-liners on the North Africa routes yesterday completed their stages in record time.

WORLD CRISIS. Battle of the Bankers.

Britain and France in Opposition.

GIVING GERMANY TIME TO PAY.

Basle, Dec. 22. An intense battle in which Britain and France were the leading antagonists kept the Young Plan Advisory Committee of banking experts sitting almost all night long, in an effort to reconcile divergent viewpoints.

The main point at issue, it is believed, was whether Germany's conditional or unconditional payments should have priority.

It is understood that Sir Walter Layton, the British expert, was in favour of giving Germany a complete respite up to four years.

The dissension at one time threatened to enforce a postponement of the discussions until after Christmas, but progress is now being made with the Report which, it is believed, will embody proposals with a view to giving Germany time to pay.

It is now considered probable that a meeting of governments at a reparations conference will be possible in the middle of January.—*Reuter.*

HUNGARY'S PROBLEMS.

DEBT MORATORIUM TO BE DECLARED.

Budapest, Dec. 22. It is learned that a partial moratorium regarding Hungarian debts, both public and private, with a few exceptions, is to be proclaimed, becoming effective to-morrow.—*Reuter.*

SENATE AND DEBTS.

STRIKING AMENDMENT REJECTED.

Washington, Dec. 22. The Senate has rejected an amendment to the resolution ratifying the Hoover Moratorium. The amendment asked for the revision of the Treaty of Versailles as a condition of the debt holiday.—*Reuter.*

Later. The Senate later ratified the Hoover Moratorium, the voting being sixty-nine to twelve.

Revision Ban.

Without discussion, the Senate accepted the provision of the House of Representatives, banning the revision or cancellation of war debt.—*Reuter.*

SHAMROCK FIFTH SOLD.

SECURED BY NOTED YACHTSMAN.

London, Dec. 22. Mr. T. O. M. Sopwith, founder of the Sopwith Aviation Company, and a well-known yachtsman, has bought the late Sir Thomas Lipton's Shamrock V, built in 1930 as challenger for the America Cup.

The new owner will race her next season in British waters.—*British Wireless.*

MORE PEOPLE IN WORK.

DROP IN NUMBER OF UNEMPLOYED.

London, Dec. 22. According to the Ministry of Labour figures issued to-night, the number of registered unemployed at December 14th was nearly 55,000 less than the week before. The total was 2,572,602.—*British Wireless.*

CHIANG'S FLIGHT TO FENGHUA.

JAPAN'S DESIGNS IN MANCHURIA.

CHINA PROTEST TO LEAGUE.

TOKYO TALKS OF BANDITS.

Geneva, Dec. 22. China has lodged a Note with the Secretariat of the League of Nations protesting against the extension of Japanese control of Manchuria.

Notwithstanding the resolution of the League Council, accepted by Japan, the Tokyo Government are not merely strengthening their position in the regions already occupied but they are contemplating an extension of military occupation. This is the burden of the Note, which goes on to declare that



A "wonder-book of signatures," the Kellogg Pact, with its author, the Kellogg disillusions, above.

General Honjo, commander-in-chief of the Japanese forces in Manchuria, has declared the independence of the Provinces of Fengtien and Kirin and has announced his intention of driving out troublesome elements from Manchuria.

Japanese Note.

A Japanese Note, lodged simultaneously, gives details of bandit activity and complaints of anti-Japanese agitation in China, including a meeting of students and workmen in Shanghai, which passed a resolution demanding the declaration of war against Japan, intensification of the boycott and an appeal to the Soviet for assistance.—*Reuter.*

RICKSHAS FOR WUCHOW.

INNOVATION MUCH APPRECIATED.

(Our Own Correspondent).

Wuchow, Dec. 18. In furthering its policy of modernising Wuchow, the city authorities have permitted the introduction of rickshas in the city.

On Wednesday afternoon, 50 rickshas made their appearance on the streets and did a lively trade. The rickshas are said to be owned by one concern, which rents them to the coolies for 50 cents a day.

Up until a few years ago the narrow streets of Wuchow made it impossible for rickshas to be used, but now the wide avenues and boulevards of the renovated city make travel by rickshas feasible. A nominal charge is made for short distances.



The French rival to the Cunard liner, to be called the Ile de France, is shown above under construction at St. Nazaire. She will not be completed till 1934 though work has been in progress for over a year.

FRENCH RIVAL TO CUNARD LINER.

COMPETITION IN MERCHANTMEN.

THE GOVERNMENT DEFEATED.

Paris, Dec. 22. Yet another international conference—to limit merchant fleets—was advocated by M. Chappedelaine, the Minister of the Maritime Marine Department, during a debate in the Chamber to-night.

The French Parliament was discussing a Bill authorising the Compagnie Generale Transatlantique to contract a loan, not exceeding three hundred million francs, with a Government guarantee.

M. Chappedelaine alluded to the possibility of a cessation of work on the new giant liner being built in France, the Ile de France.

He said that if the Cunard Line abandoned their superliner, the French line would do the same, but he was awaiting the result of negotiations with the Cunard Line before taking action.

Government Defeat.

The Government suffered defeat on the Bill regarding the new liner, the Chamber voting 276 votes to 266 in favour of the adoption of a motion to refer the Bill back to the Committee as a mark of disapproval of the way the Compagnie Generale Transatlantique had managed their affairs.

The Government, however, did not make the issue a matter of confidence and the Bill will be re-introduced after amendment.—*Reuter.*

FOURTEEN SPEED RECORDS IN SINGLE DAY.

BRITISH CAR'S SUCCESS.

London, Dec. 22. No fewer than fourteen international motor speed records were set up to-day by Captain Greyton on a British car, an M. G. 750 c.c. Captain Greyton was racing in France on the Montlhery track, and among others, he established the following speed records: Five kilometres: 184.71 kilometres an hour. Five miles: 184.66 kilometres an hour. Ten kilometres: 184.62 kilometres an hour. Ten miles: 184.21 kilometres an hour.

He thus averaged 116 miles an hour over the distance of ten miles.

Attempt for Italian Trophy.

The new success of the M.G. car is of special interest in connexion with the reported intention of another well-known racing motorist, Lord Howe, to enter three M.G. Magna-cars, new 12 h.p. six-cylinder models, for the Italian Mille Miglia race in April.

DRAMATIC COUP.

CANTON LEADERS IN CONTROL.

NO EXPLANATION

Shanghai, Dec. 23. The China Press this morning reports the arrival of General Chiang Kai-shek and his wife at Ningpo yesterday afternoon by air, and that they boarded a waiting motor-car immediately, proceeding to Fenghua, Chiang's birthplace.

The precise cause of Chiang Kai-shek's sudden flight from the capital is by no means clear. Two days ago it was confidently predicted that he would preserve the bulk of his power in the government, might even be re-elected President.

To-day he has surrendered everything into the hands of his rivals, and it seems fairly clear that the new Nanking Government will be dominated by the members of the "National Government" set up in Canton.

More Resignations.

Mr. Wellington Koo, the Foreign Minister, and Mr. Tai Chi-tao, Chairman of the Examination Council, have both tendered their resignations, which are likely to be accepted.

Mr. Wellington Koo has not attended his office for some time. Yesterday he left Nanking in a Government aeroplane quietly for Shanghai. Well-informed circles attribute Mr. Wellington Koo's resignation to the decline in the power of Marshal Chang Hsueh-liang and the latter's resignation from the Nanking Government.

Mr. Tai Chi-tao, always a close associate of Chiang Kai-shek, has decided to follow the latter in retirement from political life. Mr. Tai Chi-tao has resigned all his positions in the Kuomintang Committees.

Chiang's Busy Day.

Chiang Kai-shek had a busy morning prior to his flight to Ningpo. He visited the Mausoleum of the late Dr. Sun Yat-sen and attended a reception at the Government Club where a few of his close political associates assembled to bid him farewell.

Chiang Kai-shek then attended the opening of the Fourth Kuomintang National Congress, after which he visited the Nanking Cadet College where he advised the cadets to place their confidence in the new Nanking Government in the present national crisis.

Canton Dominance.

Keen observers predict that with the disappearance of the Chekiang "Clique," there is a distinct possibility that full control of both the political and military departments. Mr. Sun Fo may become Chairman of the Executive Council, and either Mr. Hu Han-min or Wang Ching-wei President of the National Government's State Council. Mr. Tang Shao-yi has definitely declined the latter post on account of his age.—*Reuter and Kewsha.*

BURMA PARLEY ENDING.

COMMITTEE STAGE CONCLUDED.

London, Dec. 22. The Burma Round Table conference to-day discussed the question of domicile and citizenship in relation to the Franchise, and the Committee stage of the Conference was concluded.

The conference has adjourned until January 4th. In the meantime, the Chairman, Lord Peel, will prepare his report for presentation to the Conference.—*British Wireless.*

The suggested driving team would include Lord Howe himself, Sir Henry Birkin and Captain Greyton.

Lord Howe hopes to obtain the support of Sir William Morris. This will be the second occasion only that British cars have competed in the famous Italian race, a Baby-Austin last year successfully completed the difficult course.—*British Wireless.*

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THE BOY SCOUTS' ASSOCIATION.

AN APPEAL FOR MORE SCOUTERS.

ANNUAL MEETING.

An appeal for scouters for the local Boy Scouts' Association was made by speakers yesterday at the annual meeting which was held in the Chamber of Commerce room, City Hall, under the chairmanship of His Excellency the Governor (Sir William Peel), who is the Chief Scout of Hongkong and supported by the Hon. Mr. R. H. Kotewall (President).

On the proposition of Mr. C. Champkin the following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

President: the Hon. Mr. R. H. Kotewall; Vice President, Mr. E. Cock; Hon. Treasurer, the Hon. Mr. T. N. Chau; representatives from each Local Association elected by the Local Association: Mr. C. E. H. Beavis, Lieut. Col. L. G. Bird, the Hon. Sir Henry Pollock, Mr. J. Owen Hughes and the Hon. Mr. W. T. Southern; Members of the Council, Mr. A. el Arculli, (representing I. R. C.), Dr. Chau Wai-cheung, (representing Chinese Medical Association), the Hon. Sir Shouson Chow, Mr. R. M. Dyer, Sir W. W. Hornell, H. H. Sir J. Kemp, Messrs. T. H. King, A. J. Lane, Li Jowson, M. L. Lo, C. M. Mannors, G. P. de Martin, Ng Sze-kwong, (representing C. R. C.), Commander J. Newill, R.N., Representatives of the S.C.A.A., C.A.A. and Tung Wah Hospital Committee, Lt. Col. T. A. Robertson, Mr. C. A. da Rosa, the Hon. Mr. W. E. L. Shenton, Mrs. W. T. Southern, (Commissioner Girl Guides), Messrs. M. F. Talbot, Tang Shiu-kin, the Hon. Dr. S. W. Telo, the Rt. Rev. Bishop of Victoria, Rt. Rev. Bishop Valtorta, Commodore A. H. Walker, R.N., Mr. Wong Kwong-tin, H. H. Mr. Justice Wood, and Mr. B. Wylie.

The Executive Committee of the Council consists of the ex-officio members of the Council and ten members of the Council who at present are:—The Hon. Sir Shouson Chow, Mr. T. H. King, Mr. M. K. Lo, Commander Newill, the Hon. Sir Henry Pollock, the Hon. Mr. Shenton, Mr. Tang Shiu-kin, Commodore A. H. Walker, Mr. Wong Kwong-tin, and Mr. B. Wylie.

Scout Commended.

His Excellency then presented warrants to the following scouters: Messrs. S. A. Sweet (Commissioner for Kowloon), Wong Tse-ching, Sau Fung-ching, Fred Kwok, Fan Lai-chuen and Miss S. Dalziel.

It was mentioned during the presentation of the report by the Commissioner that Mr. Cosh, officer in charge of the Mongkok Fire Brigade commended the act of Patrol Leader Johnson Kong in assisting the Brigade at a fire in the district on November 5 last. The Commissioner remarked that His Excellency had approved a letter of commendation which would be presented to the scout concerned at a more suitable time. Before the Hon. Mr. Kotewall delivered his presidential address the Commissioner mentioned that the Regulations which had been submitted to London last year were approved as was also a clause which they intended to add giving the Commissioner power to appoint the Officer Administering the Government as Chief Scout during the absence at any time of the Governor.

Association's Advance.

Addressing the meeting Mr. Kotewall said:

Your Excellency, ladies and gentlemen—In his Report for the year under review, the Commissioner, the Rev. G. T. Waldegrave, has said that while there has been a decided advance along certain lines, there has been a halt in other directions, and a retrograde movement in at least one case.

My own observations have convinced me that the advance has been greater than the retrogression, because there has been a marked improvement in the efficiency of the Troops. After all, what we should aim at, and are actually aiming at, is quality rather than quantity, though of course the larger the number of boys joining the movement, the more beneficial it would be to the community by reason of the training which Boy Scouting affords to its youth in order to fit it for good citizenship. The trouble, as has been pointed out, lies in the lack of men to serve as Scouters. At our last annual meeting, a strong appeal was made by His Excellency the Chief Scout and by myself for people to come forward as officers; but the response has been I am sorry to say, disappointing. It is this lack of trained officers that has arrested the progress of the movement in this Colony. I now venture to make yet another appeal to those who can spare the time to come forward to act as Scoutmasters or Rover Leaders. Surely, the movement with its splendid objects and ideals, is worthy of some sacrifice from young men who have time to spare; and there must be plenty of such young men in our midst.

Splendid Effort.

"Last year, when we were before you, I said that we were burdened with a debt of \$16,000, the result of the purchase of the site at Saiwan for our training camp; and that the Hon. Mr. T. N. Chau and Mr. Tang Shiu-kin had undertaken to raise \$6,000 for the reduction of this debt. As the Commissioner has announced in his Report, Mr. Chau and Mr. Tang have more than fulfilled their promise by raising the splendid sum of \$7,000. (Applause). I am sure that you will all like to associate yourselves with the Commissioner in his expression of grateful thanks to these two gentlemen for their valuable help, especially for their generous personal donations of \$1,000 each. (Applause)."

"There is yet another \$7,000 to be paid off, and I echo the Commissioner's hope that before long we may call Saiwan Camp really our own. This can only be made possible by the generosity of those who believe in and sympathize with the work which the Association is doing. More and more the Camp is proving its usefulness, not only to the boys but also to those who give them training."

"In the Commissioner's Report mention has been made of the difficulties encountered in the issue of the 'Silver Wolf', the local Scout magazine. You will be glad to hear that I have received a letter from Mr. James T. Dobbie, editor of the China Mail, offering to assist in every way he could in connexion with the 'Silver Wolf' as well as in the compilation of leaflets to which the Commissioner has also made reference. (Applause). We are very grateful to Mr. Dobbie for this offer which we will lose no time in submitting to the new Executive Committee for consideration."

Public Spirited Acts.

"I must mention the help which Mr. B. Wylie had rendered to us in connexion with the 'Silver Wolf' until the temporary suspension of its publication (applause); and I am confident that this help will be forthcoming as freely in the future as it has been in the past. It is very encouraging to see that such busy men as Mr. Wylie and Mr. Dobbie have come forward to give us so much of their valuable time—a public-spirited act which should serve as an incentive to others to assist the movement in work for which they consider themselves best suited."

"Mention having already been made by the Commissioner in his Report of the large number of helpers who have rendered us special services, I will content myself with cordially endorsing his words, and expressing to them the warmest thanks of the Association."

"I must, however, not omit to say how much we all are indebted to our hard-working Commissioner (applause) whose ex-

REMINDER

We find that it is not yet generally known that Wakefield Castrol Motor oils are sold by the Imperial gallon of 9 lbs. whereas other oil companies have adopted the American or wine gallon of 7½/8 lbs. There is a difference of approximately 20% in the quantities and this should not be overlooked when comparing prices. Messrs. Wakefield—being a purely British concern—naturally do not wish to use any other than the Imperial gallon which is, after all, the legal measure in the Colony and they trust their attitude will have the support of the motoring public.

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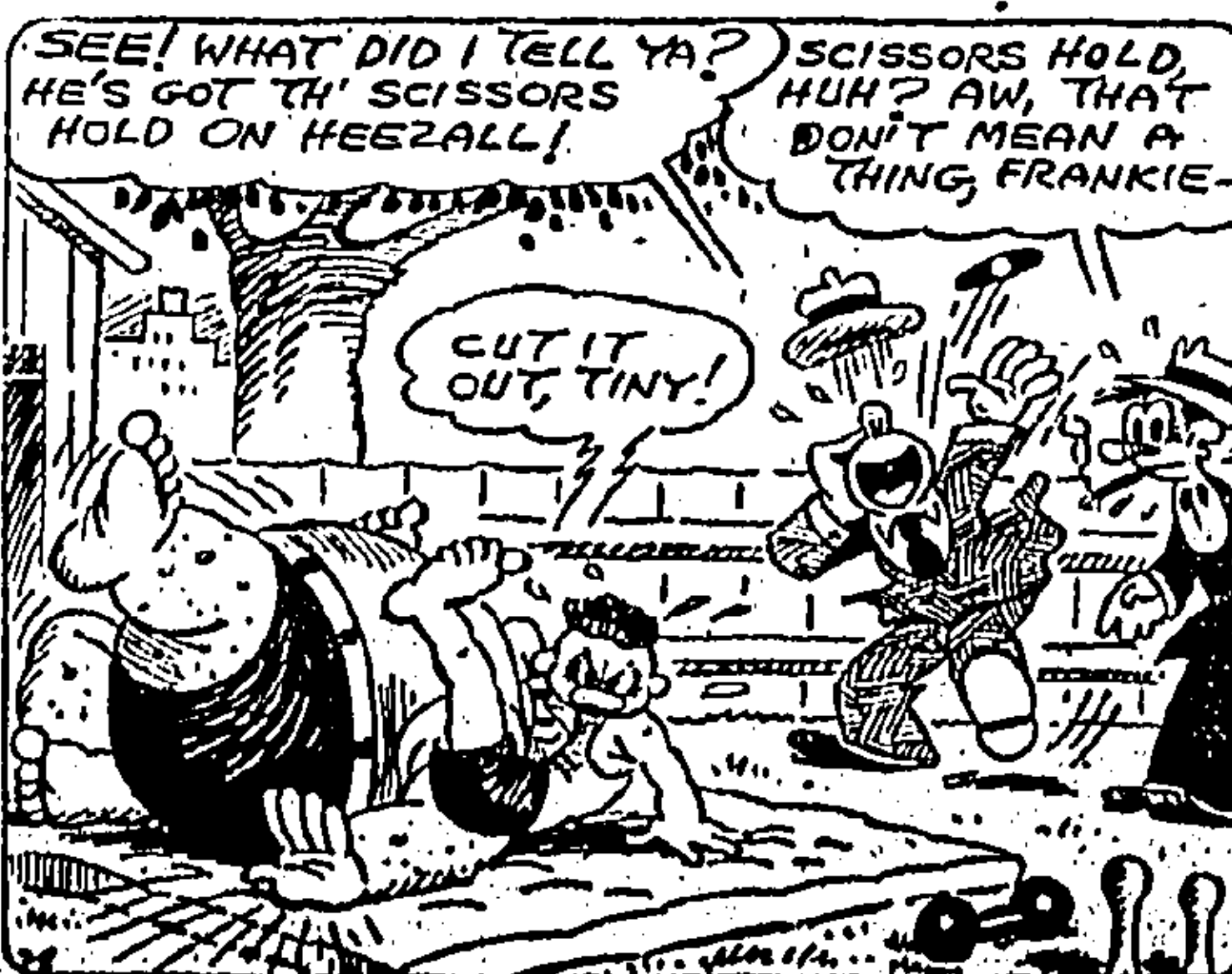


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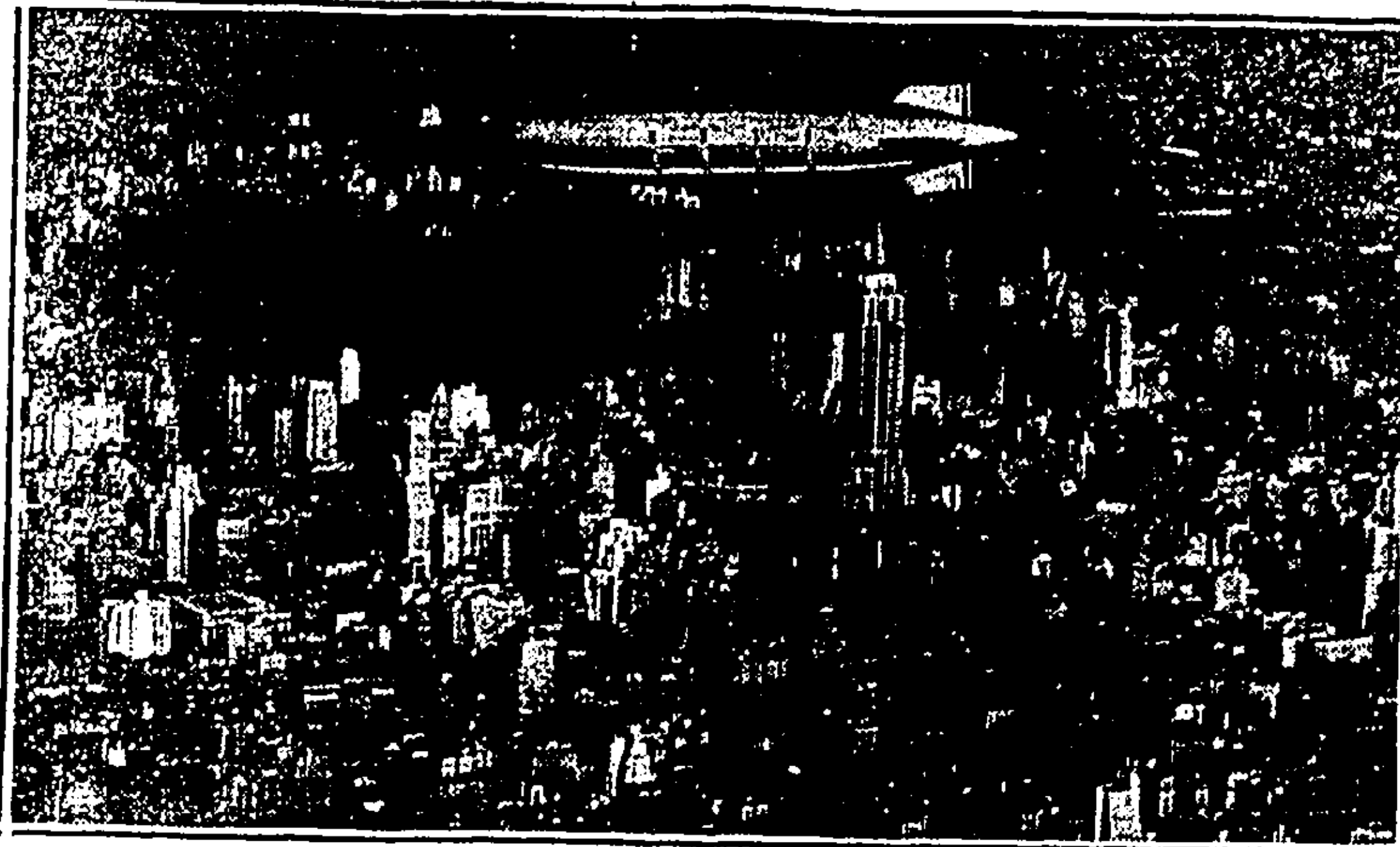
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Typical scenes in Germany's new army... upper left, signing the pay book... upper right, cavalry rookies getting new issue clothing... lower left, the German version of fatigue duty... and lower right, a company kitchen, with the men "coming and getting it."



Urging a boycott of Japanese goods, Chinese students in San Francisco called a mass meeting recently to discuss means of making their stand effective. The scene above shows members of the "Kang-Yih" or Chinese Students Association, on the speakers' stage.



Casting its shadow over Manhattan's skyscrapers, the U. S. S. Akron is pictured as it droned above New York on its first visit. Note how the air liner's bulk, gliding in the afternoon sunlight, left many buildings in the shade. It was the dirigible's first flight since the government accepted her.

Gems of Peril

HAZEL
ROSS HAILEY

BEGIN HERE TO-DAY.

Rich old Mrs. Jupiter is killed and murdered during the engagement party she gives for her secretary, Mary Harbison. Mary's insurance brother, Eddie, is supposed to have been upstairs at the murder hour. Who really knows that?

Mary's fiancé, Dirk Huxford, advises her to keep still about having arranged to admit Eddie secretly until he can locate the boy. Mary presents a maid from telling Eddie of the story about the unknown visitor. Dirk and will take Mary to see him that afternoon. Dirk overrules and Bowen drives Mary to the rendezvous. Eddie is killed by a car as Kane drops the case, believing Eddie the murderer. When Mary protests, Kane tells her both Mr. Jupiter and Dirk believe the same.

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CHAPTER XII

Mary gave her promise readily enough. She was thoroughly angry at Kane anyhow, and grateful to Bowen. Apparently he was the only person besides herself who cared enough to dig up the truth about her brother's death. Even if his interest was partly selfish, she was grateful to him just the same, in the present sore state of her feelings. If he did not want Kane to know what he was doing, she would gladly comply.

Bowen seemed pleased by her trust in him, and his eyes began to glitter with the zeal of the news-hound hot on the trail.

"I think we're on the track of something," he told her, "but let me tell you this, my dear girl, before we go any further—if we don't keep our mouths pretty tight shut, we take a chance of getting what Eddie got. If you go after this guy to win, we've got to play a cagey game. How's your nerve?"

"I don't know," Mary faltered. "I never tried anything like this before."

"Well, we'll have plenty of time to think of that later," Bowen brushed it away, sorry for having aroused her fears. That might be a tactical error. Better leave her in ignorance of the danger, perhaps, or she might weaken and spoil the whole show.

"What I want to find out now is—He broke off as the fear-some-looking waiter came to take their plates away. Bowen sat thoughtfully turning a salt-cellar in his fingers. "Mike," he said, sud-

dently, "sit down a minute, will you?"

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Mary thought, then shook his head.

"You can talk in front of this lady. She's O. K.," Bowen reassured him. "We've got a little private vendetta on, this lady and I. Kane flopped on it, and we're going out after this bird ourselves. That is, if he's still around town. That's where we want you to help us."

The waiter's expression remained inscrutable. Mary thought his eyes held a gleam of interest as he looked her over carefully, but she could not be sure. No doubt he had plenty of reason to hate the pompous Inspector, and it was clear that he and Bowen were on a friendly footing.

"I think maybe—he's dead," he offered after a bit.

"Dead? When? How long ago?" Bowen asked excitedly.

"Oh, long time. Maybe 10 year," the waiter explained.

"Oh," Bowen snickered. "Not this guy! He was very much alive no longer than two weeks ago. Where did you know him? Sure you got the name right? Fly! He looked about vainly for a specimen of the species by way of illustration. Finding none, he gave an imitation of a soaring insect, ending with a fatal smacking of his palms together.

Mike giggled appreciatively. "Sure, sure!" he said. "Where did you know him, up in the Big House?"

Mike shook his head. "Would you know him if you saw

him? Would he know you?"

"Maybe. I dunno."

"What was his name? Do you remember?"

Mike considered. "I forgot. His name The Fly. That's all I know."

"What was he up for, house-breaking, or what?"

Here the waiter's phlegmatic manner broke and he became excited.

"You better lay off that guy, he is a tough egg!" he warned.

"Ever—kill anybody?" Bowen asked quietly.

"Plenty. They not catch him for it. He is smart guy. Good lawyers, lotsa dough. Yeah!"

A depressed silence held his two hearers. Encouraged, Mike continued to build up the man's reputation. Though his tone was one of deep scorn, his admiration was plain. It was the humble craftsman praising the artist.

"They pull him in two, three times—the District Attorney go for him. They get nothing on him. They can't hold him. Always he goes free! Ah, he is a bad guy. That one! Yeah!"

Bowen stirred, stretched, yawned, gave every evidence of dismissing the subject. Following his lead, Mary withdrew her fascinated gaze from the waiter's sombre countenance, which had gleamed for a few scant moments with genuine emotion, and mused upon the subject.

"Oh, by the way," Bowen called, "you remember what you were talking to me about the other day, Mike? Well, I've got it all fixed for you. Give you a letter in a day or two, and you take it up to Shay, and he'll fix you up. Nice place, that 'speck' of his. Got this dump here a mile."

The waiter's face crinkled with pleasure.

He bowed rapidly from the waist. "Yeah? Yeah? Good boy! You come up and see me when I am up there." He included Mary in his nod of invitation. Mary smiled. How changed he was, when he was like this, from the gloomy, suspicious man he had seemed at first!

Did it matter so much to him, then, just a job in another speaking-shop? She judged this was what Bowen had arranged for him.

Bowen laid his change on the bill, and handed it to Mike, who refused it handsomely. Bowen insisted.

"I'll tell you what you can do for me, if that's the way you feel,"



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he said. "Keep your ears open up at Shay's—you're liable to hear something. Shay's is The Fly's old stamping ground, I hear. If he's still in town you'll see him around there, unless he's hiding out. All I want you to do is tip me off if you see him—I want to get a look at him sometime."

Mike showed signs of distress. "You bring the cops?" he asked fearfully.

"No, no, no! Mike, have I ever pulled a fast one on you? Well, you can trust me. You know that."

Mike said "Sure, sure," and appeared reassured. He looked curiously at Mary. "What he do?" he asked interestedly.

Bowen looked solemnly at Mary. "He did this lady a very great wrong," he said impressively. The strange little man's eyes rested on her, glittering with interest. Mary felt her cheeks grow warm. What was he thinking, anyhow? Then she reflected that it was probably better to let him draw what inference he would than tell him too much about her affairs.

"You not find him for Kane?" he asked suspiciously.

"No," Bowen denied for her. "And if Kane finds out about this, I'll beat your head off! He'd gum the works—if he hasn't done so already."

They glanced through the clouded glass of the high front windows at

a leaden sky which still dripped rain.

"Ever play the horses, Mike?" Bowen asked, casually.

Mike spread his hands. "Some times. No good. I lose much money."

"I see you have. Ever hear of a horse called La Mosca?"

"La Mosca? The Fly—eh?"

"You've got the idea."

"No, that is a new one."

"Never mind. How would you like to go down to the tracks—when's your day off? Friday?"

Bowen took out his wallet, extracted from it two ten-dollar bills and a five, and shoved them across the table. "I hope the office covers me on this. If they don't I'll be around eating off you, Mike, till payday."

But Mike was retreating from the proffered money as if it were fire.

"Listen, this is on the level!" Bowen protested. "Take it. You don't have to do a thing but play the horses, and keep your ear peeled."

"Yeah? What I do?"

Mike drew the money toward him, pocketed it in one swift movement, and listened hard.

"Find out where the Fly is. He won't be around the tracks, probably, but he's been there lately, and they'll know where to find him."

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All claims must be sent to the undersigned before the Thursday, the 31st December, 1931, or they will not be recognized.

Damaged Packages must be left in the Godowns for examination by the consignees, and the Company's Surveyor Messrs: Goldard and Douglas at 10.00 a.m. on Tuesday, the 29th December, 1931. Consignees must have a Revenue Officer in attendance when damaged dutiable goods are examined by the Company's surveyors.

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Hongkong, 23rd December, 1931.

BANK HOLIDAYS.

In Accordance with Government Ordinance, the Exchange Banks will be closed for the transaction of Public Business on Friday and Saturday, the 25th and 26th December, (Christmas Holidays).
Hongkong, 21st December, 1931.

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THE SHARE CERTIFICATE No. 4264 for ONE HUNDRED (100) SHARES numbered 6590/6733, 7869/7893 and 39190/39214, in the above Company and standing in the name of FRANCISCO XAVIER SOARES having been reported lost, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that unless the ORIGINAL CERTIFICATE is produced within ONE MONTH from the date hereof, it will thereafter be held by the Company as NULL AND VOID, and a NEW CERTIFICATE for the said shares will be issued.

By order of the Board
of Directors,

F. H. CRAPNELL, Secretary.

Hongkong, 4th December, 1931.

THE CHINA LIGHT AND POWER COMPANY (1918), LIMITED.

THE THIRTEENTH ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Head Office of the Company, St. George's Building, Chater Road, Victoria, Hong Kong, on Thursday, the 31st day of December, 1931, at 12 o'clock, Noon, for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Directors for the year ended 30th September, 1931, and electing Directors and Auditors.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from Monday, 28th December, 1931, to Thursday, 31st December, 1931, both days inclusive.

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Hongkong, 16th December, 1931.

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By Order,

C. R. BROWN, Secretary.

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First Race at 1.30 p.m.

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NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

Hongkong, 22nd December, 1931.

G. R.

PARTICULARS & CONDITIONS of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on Monday, the 28th day of December, 1931, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor, of one Lot of Crown Land at Fleming Road, in the Colony of Hong Kong, for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the King, for one further term of 75 years.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements	Containing in sq. feet	Annual Rental	Upset Price
1	Inland Lot No. 2933	Fleming Road adjoining Inland Lot No. 2938	As per sale plan.	About 2,933	\$3	\$4,070

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2	Inland Lot No. 2934	Fleming Road adjoining Inland Lot No. 2933	As per sale plan.	About 2,934	\$4	\$4,075

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PARTICULARS & CONDITIONS of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on Monday, the 28th day of December, 1931, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor, of one Lot of Crown Land at Wong Nei Chung, in the Colony of Hong Kong, for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the King, for one further term of 75 years.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements	Containing in sq. feet	Annual Rental	Upset Price
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Members wishing to participate are invited to send in their Names, accompanied with a deposit of \$300 in respect of each dog applied for, as soon as possible.

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MATERICULATION AND SENIOR LOCAL.

The following is a list of the results of the Matriculation and Senior Local Examinations for 1931. The list is subject to confirmation by the Senate:

Matriculation Honours List.

St. Joseph's College: Ho Shi-lin (Dist. Physics, Co-ordinate Geometry, Mechanics), Nguyen Khun-lam, Peter (Dist. French, Mechanics), Gaozorio, Horacio Luis (Dist. Co-ordinate Geometry), Rosario, Francisco Xavier (Dist. Mathematics, Co-ordinate Geometry, Mechanics), Wing Lee, Cecil Raymond.
Queen's College: Woo Hou-kong, (Dist. Mathematics, Trigonometry, Mechanics).
Italian Convent: Cheung Yui-wah, Mary.

Matriculation Pass List.

St. Joseph's College: (41 candidates entered, 3 absent, 16 passed), Chan Look, Simon; Chow Dick-cheung, Kong Chi-woon, Kong To-yue; Leonard, Stanley Lawrence; Ribeiro, Reinaldo Maria Vieira; Srimata, Sanit; Silva, Jerry Antonio; Williams, Alfred David; Wong Sui-in; Young, George Alphonse.
Queen's College: (35 entered, 0 absent, 9 passed), Chu Chee-chak, Chu Kwong-lop; Hunt, Archibald; Ko Ping-chun, Lau Tin-chak, (Physics, Co-ordinate Geometry), Siu Woon-to, Wu Hek-ling, Wu Kil-lin.
King's College: (32 entered, 7 absent, 7 passed), Cheung Wal-yu, Fung Fa-lun; Lee, Robert I. C., Li Chi-tim, Ng Cheung-tak, Yu Ping-chau, Zing Li-fong.

St. Stephen's College: (27 entered, 1 absent, 9 passed), Chang Ching-ling, Ho Yuen-king, Ip Kung-chiu, (Mathematics), Kwok Yu-kong, Lee Wal-yung, Shio Tsun, (Physics, Co-ordinate Geometry), Tan Kiu-sui, (Trigonometry, Mechanics), Tong Oo Supard Lo Suwan, Tsai Wei-kwen, (Mechanics).

Diocesan Boys' School: (18 entered, 1 absent, 2 passed), Broadbridge, Norman; Chui Yau-luk, Tai Tung College: (17 entered, 4 absent, 2 passed), Leung Fuk-cheung, Ng Hung-kau.

St. Paul's College: (16 entered, 2 absent, 6 passed), Chung Wing-kwong, Liu Hau-shui, Mok Fuk-in, Ng Shiu-hon, Sien Pak-ting, Sien Sik-ting.

Wah Yan College: (15 entered, 2 absent, 8 passed), Chan Chuck-fai, Chan Lai-sang, Lai Wing-yat, Ng Hang-on, Tsang Kwong-kau, Tso Fong-kong, Wong Ping-sai, Yung Hing-chau.

Central British School: (11 entered, 4 passed), Dobry, Alfred; Bender, Mary Stella, (English); Miller, Austin; Smalley, Mary, (English).

Private Study: (71 entered, 12 absent, 9 passed), Frizor, Michael J., Ho, John Stephen; Kan Yuet-hing, Leung Yau-cheung; Tsang Fuk-shing, (Sat and passed Chinese only); Yan Si-chiu, John, (Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry, Co-ordinate Geometry, Mechanics), Tan Ngun-jenn, (Sat and passed

POST OFFICE NOTICE

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS.

On Friday, the 25th December, and Saturday the 26th December, the General Post Office will be open from 8 a.m. to noon, Kowloon Post Office 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. and the other Branch Post Offices 8 a.m. to 9 a.m. There will be one collection from the pillar boxes and one delivery of ordinary correspondence as on Sundays and one delivery of registered correspondence at 9 a.m.
The Money Order Office will be entirely closed.

INWARD MAILS.

From	Per	Date
Shanghai	Somali	December 23.
Amoy	Tilawa	December 24.
Japan and Shanghai	Suwa Maru	December 24.
Japan	Atsuta Maru	December 25.

From	Per	Date
Canada, U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai (Vancouver, B.C., 5th December)	Emp. of Japan	December 25.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan & Shanghai (San Francisco, 27th November)	Pres. Hayes	December 25.

OUTWARD MAILS.

For	Per	Date and Time
Amoy	Talnan	Wed., Dec. 23, 8.30 a.m.
Samahai and Wuchow	Kong Ning	Wed., Dec. 23, 4 p.m.
Salomon	Halward	Wed., Dec. 23, 4.30 p.m.
Swatow	Van Houten	Wed., Dec. 23, 4.30 p.m.
Hohow and Haiphong	Menndo Maru	Thurs., Dec. 24, 8.30 a.m.
Amoy	Tilnegara Thurn	Dec. 24, 10.30 a.m.
Swatow	Hydrangea	Thurs., Dec. 24, 8 p.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. and S. Africa, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles	Somali	Thurs., Dec. 24, 8 p.m.

Parcels 1 p.m.
Registration 4.30 p.m.
Letters 4.30 p.m.
G. P. O.

Parcels 3 p.m.
Registration 5 p.m.
Letters 5 p.m.
(Due Marseilles, 22nd January).

Strait, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. and S. Africa, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles

Suwa Maru Fri., Dec. 25.
K.P.O.
Registration 25th 10 a.m.
Letters 25th 11 a.m.
G.P.O.

Registration 25th 11.15 a.m.
Letters 25th Noon.
(Due Marseilles, 24th January).

Bintang Fri., Dec. 25, noon.
Atsuta Maru Fri., Dec. 25.
Registration 11.15 a.m.
Letters Noon.
(Due Thursday Island 7th Jan.)

Shanghai, Japan, U.S.A., Canada, Central and South America and Europe via Victoria B.C. and Europe via Siberia

President Cleveland Sat., Dec. 26.
Parcels Dec. 26, 10 a.m.
Reg. Dec. 26, 11.15 a.m.
Letters Dec. 26, Noon.
(Due Victoria B.C., 12th January)

Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, East and South Africa, Aden, Egypt and Italy

Cracovia Sat., Dec. 26, Noon.
(Due Victoria B.C., 12th January)

*Subscribed Correspondence only.

Chinese only; Gorachenko, Nicholas; Koh Eng-hwee.

Italian Convent: (5 entered, 0 absent, 3 passed), Chon, Daisy, (French); Wong, Josephine P. (Dutch).

St. Mary's School: (3 entered, 1 absent, 1 pass), Silva, Helena M. da.

St. Stephen's Girls' College: (3 entered, 0 absent, 2 passed), Li Wan-sann, Lo May-hing.

Ying Wa Girls' School: (1 entered, 1 pass), Ko Kam-ping.

The following candidates for Matriculation qualified for the Senior Local Certificate:

Queen's College: Abbas, Charles Edward; Hung Kit-chiu, Hung Mo-chiu.

King's College: Tse Shau-ping.

Diocesan Boys' School: Prata, Alberto; Singh, Iqbal Mahan, (History).

St. Paul's College: Cheung Hing-on, Kwok Mun-chiu, Szeto Wai.

Ying Wa College: Wong Kai-man.

Private Study: Chang Shing-wa, Shum Cheuk-woon; Key, Esther; Kung Chuk-yee, Tong Yim-yu.

Bellfield Public School: Yu Sheung-woon, (History), Wong Yiu-heang.

Central British School: Woolley, Iris Lillian.

Italian Convent: Chaillet, Marguerite, (English, French), Wong Alice.

St. Mary's School: Abdullah, Sarah, (Biblical Knowledge).

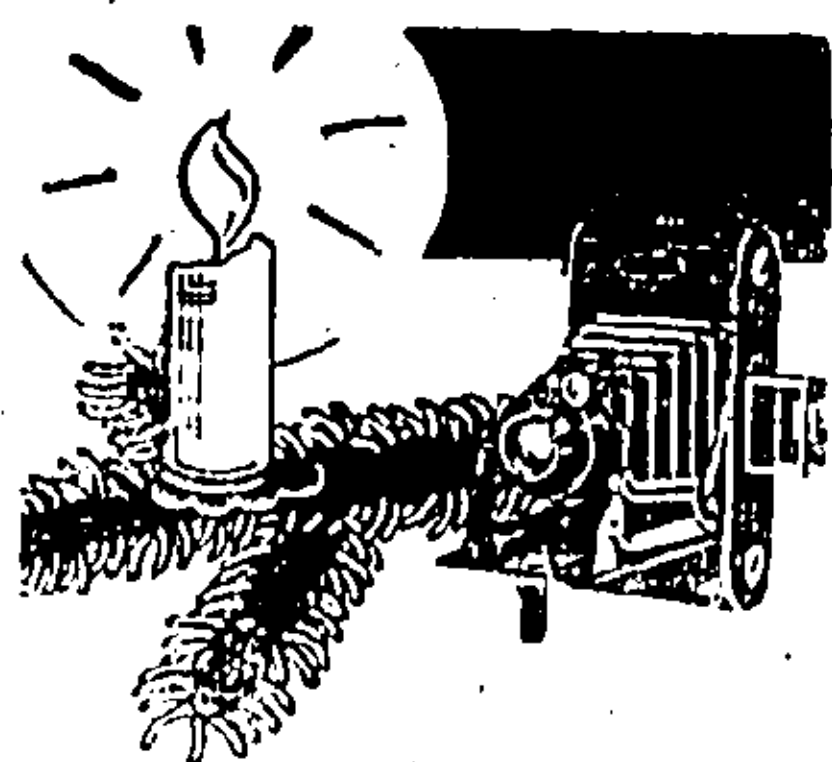
St. Stephen's Girls' College: Li Wan-bik.

Holy Spirit School: Cheung Wan-chiu.

Senior Local Pass List.

Diocesan Girls' School: (15 entered, 0 absent, 14 passed), Banker, Ethel He-mong; Erith, Iris Audrey; Ho Lu, Helen; Ho Yu, Stella; Han, Angela; Kan, Ivy; Kotewall, Helen, (Biblical Knowledge); Lee, Anita; Lee, Irene; Latham, Phyllis; Remedios, Stella Maria; Tsang, Sophie; White, Gertrude Agnes; Williams, Irene.

French Convent: (13 entered, 1 absent, 6 passed), Butterfield, Katherine Helen; Carroll, Edna Sylvia; Ching, Morit;



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Sales.

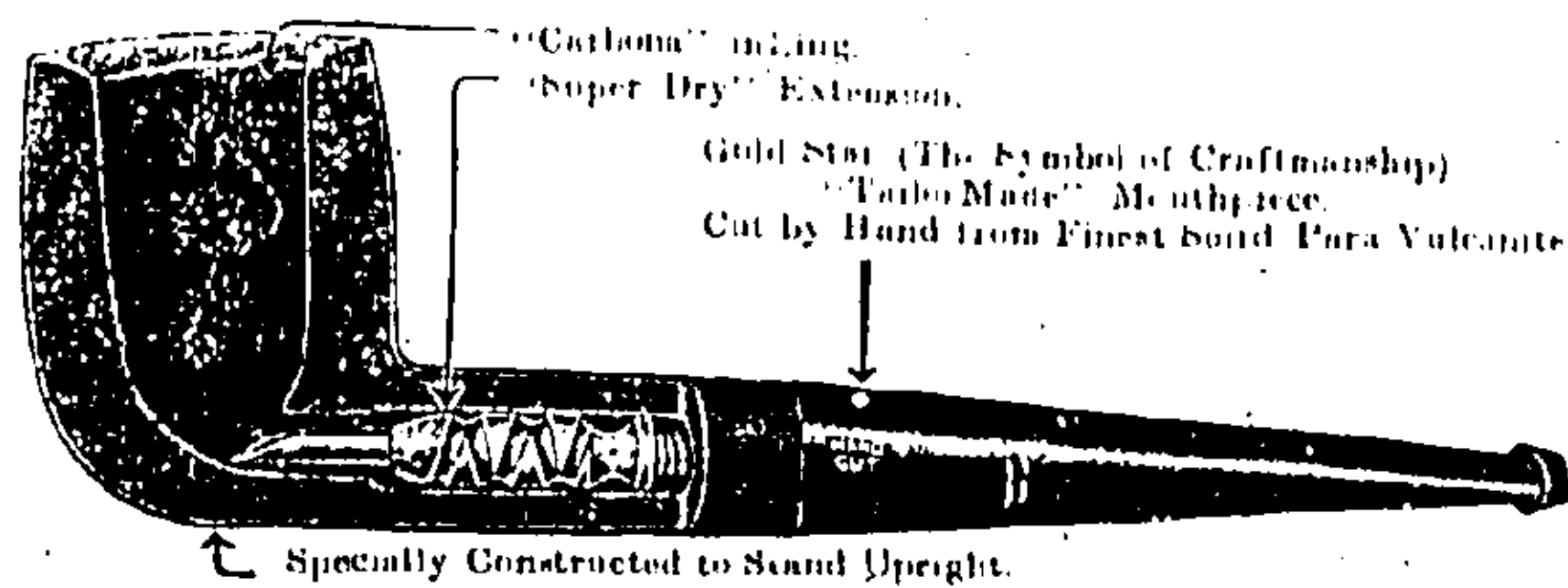
Cements (combined), \$19.30.
Hotels (new), \$14.85.
Realities, \$11.70.

Buyers.

Douglases, \$25.
Wharves, \$153.
Hotels (old), \$15.50.
Hotels (new), \$14.75.
Lands, \$80.75.
Ewos, Ltd., 16.30.
China Lights, \$27.75.
Telephones (part paid), \$28.75.
H.K. Ropes, \$17.75.
Dairy Farms, \$28.75.
Amusements, \$19.90.
Rauha, \$10.75.
Providents (old), \$5.20.
Providents (new), \$2.35.
Chinese Estates, \$95.
Trams, \$21.30.
H.K. Electric, \$77.75.
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Motor Car Complaint.

[To the Editor, Hongkong Telegraph.]

Sir,—The Fire Bridge Station near the Kowloon Ferry retains a corner of the car park as an exercise ground, but whenever it does exercise, it spreads over the park itself to the great annoyance and obstruction of motorists using

it. This morning, for instance, the "Baby Car" park was unusable, owing to the play of hoses, while at least one-third of the centre block of stands, in the main park, was out of commission, due to sections of hose, ladders, etc., being promiscuously strewn around.

If this happened only once in a while and at times when the park is not being used to any extent, that I consider these practices by the Brigade to be useless—far but these practices are frequent, from it. But with a little fore- and take place when motorists thought they can be arranged so from all parts of Kowloon are arriving at the ferry to start their day's work.

Motorists in this Colony are quite heavily taxed—out of all proportion to the facilities afforded by the Government to them in return—and they ought to receive some little consideration. Incidentally, the Fire Bridge is controlled by the Police Department which surely ought to be the last to countenance traffic obstruction! I do not wish it to be inferred that I consider these practices by the Brigade to be useless—far but these practices are frequent, from it. But with a little fore- and take place when motorists thought they can be arranged so from all parts of Kowloon are arriving at the ferry to start their day's work.

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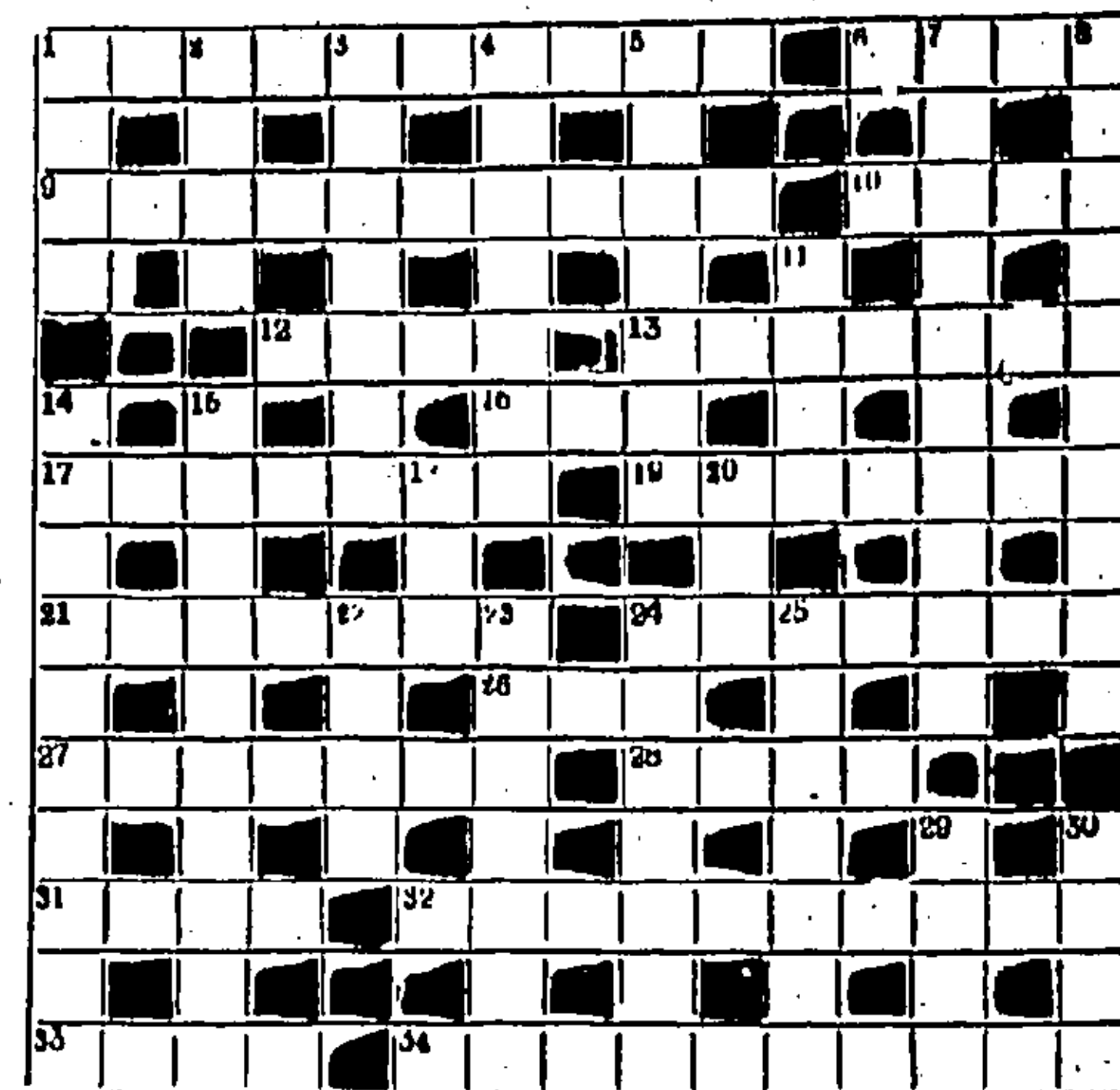
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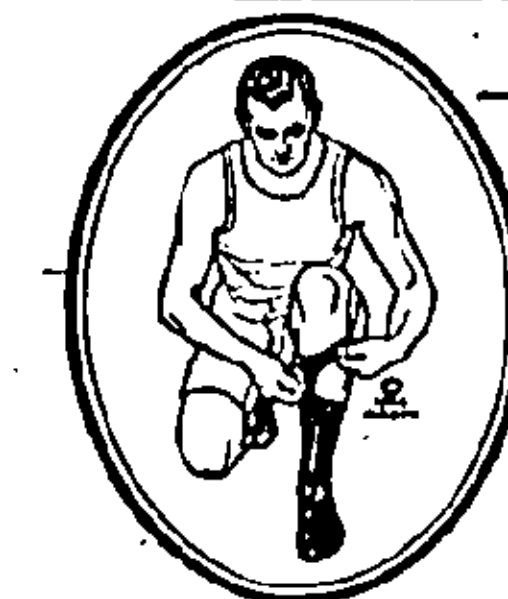
- Scottish river.
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- Instrument.
- Another that sounds more ap-

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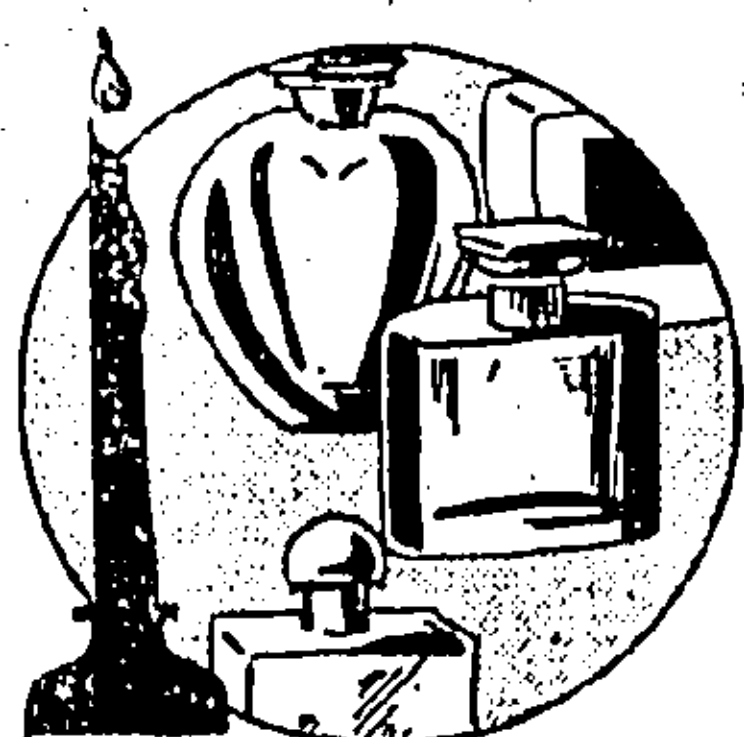
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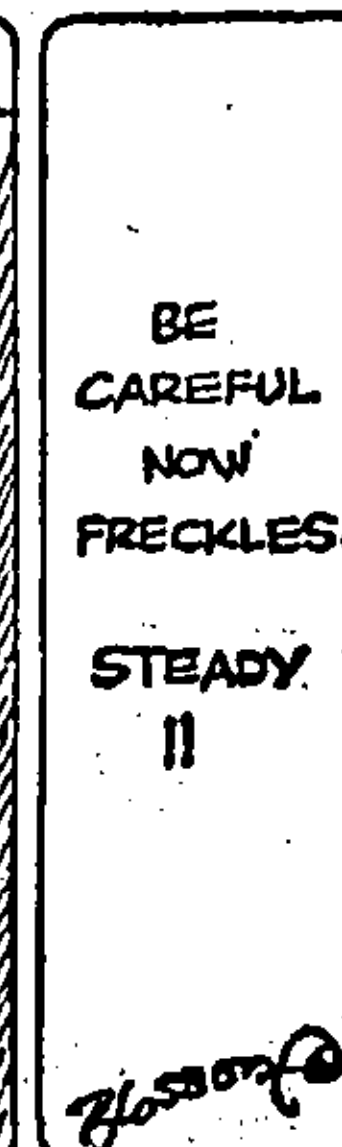
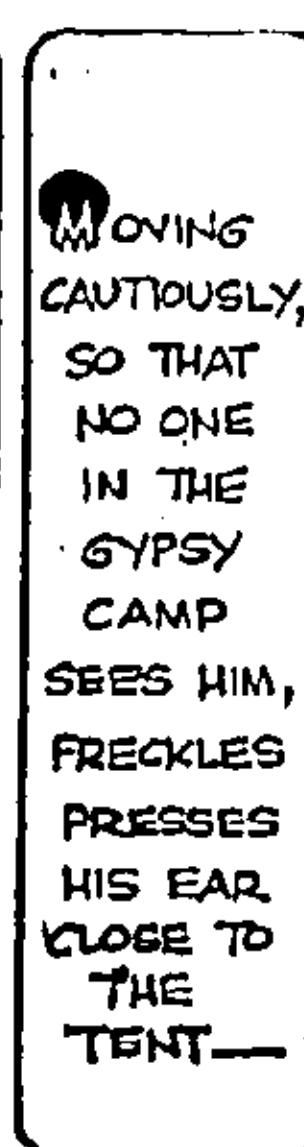
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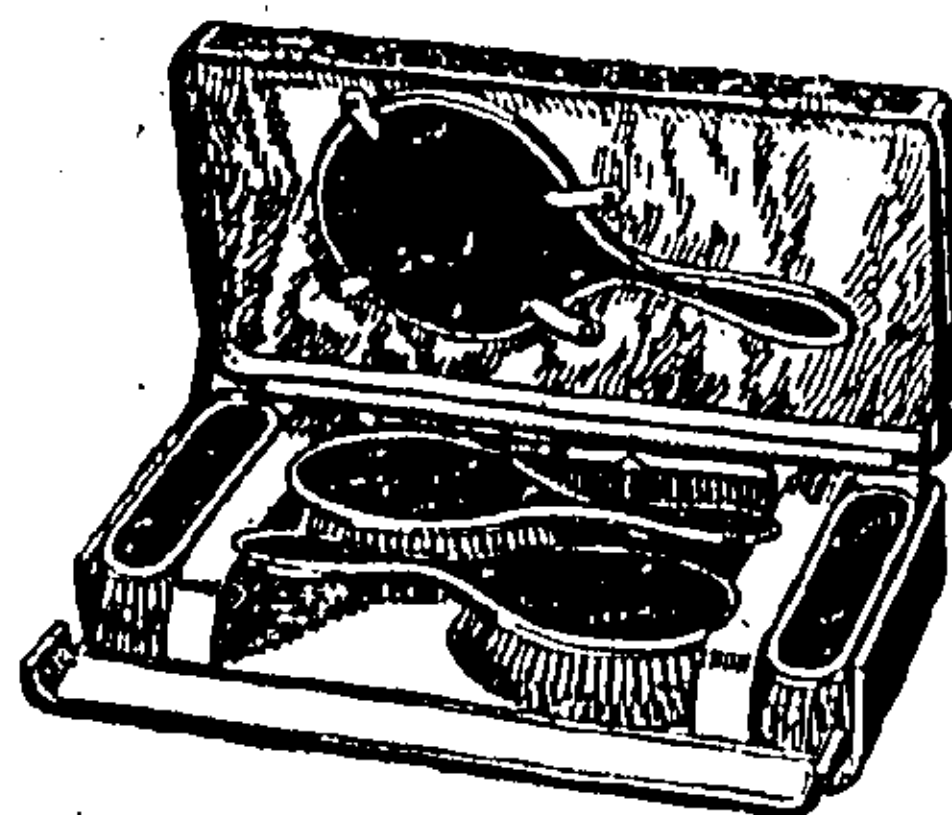
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JAPAN UNDER SUSPICION.

It is evident that world opinion
on the Manchurian situation is be-
coming increasingly suspicious of
Japan's policy. So long as the
Wakatsuki Government remained
in power, there seemed a possibility
of a more or less satisfactory settle-
ment of the crisis, but with the
advent of a new administration,
fears have become intensified, re-
flecting a general belief that the
military faction has gained the
upper hand. The report, allegedly
from official sources in Tokyo, that
General Minami has been selected
as the first Governor-General of
Manchuria, coupled with the belief
expressed by reputable diplomatic
correspondents that Japan has de-
finitely decided on annexation, fol-
lowing the same procedure as in
the case of Korea, reflects the
gravity of the present outlook. It
is true that the League is sending
out a Commission of Inquiry to
study the situation on the spot, but
long before it arrives, many more
"incidents" may arise giving Japan
the excuse to extend her sphere of
activities.

The latest comments of the Lon-
don Press serve to indicate the
strength of public opinion in Bri-
tain against Japan's tactics. They
re-echo much that was written
weeks ago. For example, one of
the leading political reviews, com-
menting on the situation at the
end of November, with particular
reference to the wranglings at
Geneva, declared that the funda-
mental issue remained the same—
namely, whether Japan was to be
allowed to maintain her occupation
of the Chinese territory she had
seized in violation of the Covenant
and the Kellogg Pact. "If Japan
were Ruritania," said this journal,
"there would be little doubt of the
answer. But Japan is a first-class
Power, and China is not. The
true reason why the other Powers,
great and small, which are repre-
sented on the Council of the League,

are vacillating and fumbling is
that they have never had the cour-
age of their convictions. They are
afraid of Japan, and of the con-
sequence of insisting on her honour-
ing her pledges." These are strong
words, but they do reflect a very
considerable body of responsible
opinion. American views seem
equally definite and outspoken.
One journal says that Japan's use
of the favourite "mild fist" policy
against China has aroused all the
latent suspicion of land-grabbing at
the expense of a war-torn and en-
feebled neighbour; whilst another
declares Japan's activities to be
aggressive resort to violence
such as was adjudged by the Kellogg
Pact, and dangerously like the ear-
ly stages of the "assimilation" of
Korea. Sufficient has been written
to show that there is a steady and
growing volume of world opinion
against Japan's policy.

When we come to analyse the
situation as it exists at present,
we find that, despite all the pres-
sure by the League, Japan has not
given way an inch. She is still in
occupation of Chinese territory,
and, in fact, has spread her ten-
tacles over a wider area in Man-
churia. The drive against "band-
its" looks suspiciously like a con-
tinuation of the process. At any
rate, since the change of Govern-
ment, matters have so developed as
to suggest that a very much more
vigorous policy has now been de-
cided upon, possibly betokening a
belief that the League of Nations
is powerless to do anything to up-
set the programme which the new
Tokyo administration has in view.
If this is a correct interpretation
of the position, then the latest de-
velopments must be regarded as of
extreme gravity, for, apart from
the immediate issues, it will be a
sorry day for world peace and
concord if one Power is to be per-
mitted to defy world opinion and
resort to methods which we had all
hoped were a thing of the past.

The World in Disintegration.

To the already burdened debit
side of the international amity led-
ger, France now adds an effort to
deprive all foreigners within her
borders of employment. The re-
solution passed by the Chamber
contemplates the application of the
ban not only to public services, but
to private enterprise, employers
being subject to fines for keeping
foreigners in employment without
special sanction. It is a commen-
tary upon the times that the decree
has not filled the air with protests.
Normally, it would bewilder. To-
day it is looked upon as another
serious manifestation of the world's
travails. Peoples seem latterly to
have lost all sense of spiritual
values and right human thinking.
The crisis has turned the nations
into a tribe of Kilkenny cats,
scrambling and fighting to save
something, they know not what, out
of the wreck of our economic foun-
dations. The spectacle is a sorry
one. No nation is innocent. The
cult of economic nationalism, which
means nothing less than bitter war
without placing armies in the
battlefield, is gaining new or keener
adherents. Mutual adversity, far
from performing its traditional
function of developing the finer
fruits of human understanding,
is fast destroying the spirit of in-
ternational friendship. Britain im-
poses emergency tariffs, urges her
people not to be abroad for the
winter, and calmly says that other
people will understand our difficul-
ties and that the isolation is only
for the period of emergency. Every
country in Europe raises its econo-
mic barriers, and the action of the
French Chamber yesterday shows
how far the nationalistic god will
take the peoples of the world if a
definite check is not placed upon
such destructive movements.
Governmental interference with
private enterprise, alike in com-
merce and finance, has become dan-
gerously formidable. Bankers can-
not do as they like with their
money. Business men are re-
stricted in a hundred different
ways. The object of these mea-
sures is said to be to avoid the
effects internally of the colossal
world attempt to liquidate the cre-
dit upon which trade and com-
merce has been based. And every
such restriction throws recovery
and confidence a stage farther back.

DAY BY DAY

PERHAPS NOTHING WILL SO MUCH
HASTEN THE TIME WHEN BODY AND
MIND WILL BOTH BE ADEQUATELY
CARED FOR, AS A DIFFUSION OF THE
BELIEF THAT THE PRESERVATION OF
HEALTH IS A DUTY. ALL BRANCHES
OF THE LAWS OF HEALTH ARE PHYSI-
CAL SCIENCES.—Herbert Spencer.

The Royal Observatory reports
that the anticyclone appears to be
nearly stationary to the N.W. of
Korea.

His Lordship Bishop Henry Valtorta
returned to the Colony yesterday after
an extensive Pastoral visitation to
the Hoi Fung district.

The R.M.S. Empress of Japan is
due from Shanghai at 9 a.m. on
Christmas Day, and will leave for
Manila at 5 p.m. on the 26th.

The Sessions case in which Sit Shek
was charged with indecently assault-
ing a two-year-old girl concluded
yesterday afternoon, when the jury
returned a unanimous verdict of "Not
Guilty."

We have received from Messrs.
Dodwell and Co., Ltd., an effective
wall calendar, issued by McEwan,
Younger, Ltd., and bearing some
excellent coloured studies of sport in
Scotland.

The Hongkong General Chamber of
Commerce and the Exchange Banks,
have written to the Government sug-
gesting that, as New Year's Day falls
on Friday, the Saturday following
should be declared a general holiday,
as it is already in Shanghai.

An unknown Chinese committed
suicide by jumping into the harbour
from the lower deck of the Yaumati
ferry-boat Man Ying whilst it was
halfway between Hongkong and
Yaumati last night. The launch was
stopped and a search made for the
missing man, but no traces could be
found.

The return of notifiable diseases in
the Colony during the week ending
December 19 shows three cases of
diphtheria, two of enteric fever and
one of cerebro-spinal fever. There
were 48 deaths from pulmonary
tuberculosis. The record for the
week-end was two cases of enteric
fever while one case of diphtheria was
reported on Monday.

Dr. S. W. Phoon has been success-
ful at the recent examination for the
degree of Master of Surgery (M.S.),
Dr. Phoon is the first graduate of
the University to get this honour, and
it is of interest to hear that one of
the examiners is the well-known Prof.
G. E. Gask of London University.
Assistant at Guy's Hospital, London.
Dr. Phoon worked in a similar capacity
at the Hospital for the Ruptured and
Crippled in New York. Upon his
return to Hongkong he was appointed
Assistant to the Professor of Surgery.
He resigned from that position to be-
come the Superintendent of the Tung
Wah Hospital.

Mr. Ramsay MacDonald agreed
a few days ago that the world was
in gradually increasing economic,
social and political disintegration.
He hoped that the conference to
be held in the middle of January
would afford a permanent cure.
But every sign of to-day declares
the impossibility of the realisa-
tion of such a hope. The spirit of
so few nations is willing. Exploita-
tive and political greed appear to
dominate. These false gods have
failed, but still have their wor-
shippers. Peace on earth and
goodwill towards men! The world
seems to be mocking at the spirit
of Christmas.

World's Best Bridge Players.

By Lt.-Col. WALTER BULLER, C.B.E.

IT is clear that Sir Max Pembr-
ton plays bridge, but is not
a bridge player.

He told us in a recent article
that the Portland Club is about to
abandon all conventions, and that
henceforth "Go as you please"
methods are to be adopted; that
the club advises "putting back the
clock" and playing contract
bridge as our forefathers played
pre-convention whist.

This, he says, will not be bridge
but humble-puppy. "It will make
us the butt of the card-playing
nations."

In assuming that members of
the Portland Club are about to
make a change in their methods,
Sir Max is in error.

The Portland's Lapse.

Three years ago Mr. Harold
Vanderbilt invented a convention
known as the "Vanderbilt Club."
It lasted six months in the U.S.A.
Certain English writers boomed it.
Fifth-rate players adopted a
patronising attitude towards their
partners. If you did not play this
convention you knew nothing
about bridge.

Even the late Hugh Elliot, first-
class player and anti-convention-
alist, adopted it.

But his heart was not in it. He
did it for fun.

It was a dig at the Portland
Club, which had refused to accept
his plan for majority calling at
Auction.

This time, the Portland, assailed
on all sides by pro-American propa-
ganda, fell from its high estate.
"Vanderbilt" was already dying
out in America, but members did
not know that. They gave it a
trial, and within a few months
they discarded it. I have recounted
these facts to enable me to
make a statement which will sur-
prise Sir Max Pembrton.

With this one exception, this
isolated fall from grace, no "conven-
tions" have ever been played at the
Portland Club.

It follows that, according to Sir
Max, their bridge is, and always
has been, "humble-puppy."

My answer is this:
The standard of play at the
Portland is easily the highest in
the world.

There is only one player in New
York that I know of, H. L. Sims,
who would be considered as among
the first ten at the Portland. He
is a Canadian. I appreciate that
here I am giving an opinion, but
so is Sir Max. Has he ever played
at the Portland? I played there
daily for ten years. It is relevant
to ask what class of bridge he
favours. Let us, however, ignore
his opinion and mine and get
down to facts.

What does Sir Max mean by
"convention?" His whole case is
based on the frequent use of this
word; yet he does not define it.

Common-Sense Play.

He confuses the issue, as indeed
do many professional bridge writ-
ters. They put common-sense
moves on a par with prearranged
artificial signals.

Sir Max says, "If my partner
bids 'One Diamond' has he 2½
quick tricks or is he merely a
joker?"

He implies that to bid originally
when you have tricks is a conven-
tion, and to pass when you have no

tricks is, presumably, a convention
too!

The Portland Club, he says, is
about to give up playing conven-
tions. It is not going to give up
anything. It has merely set its
face against silly and overchang-
ing stunts imported from the
U.S.A.

Culbertson demands that when
he bids "Two" of a suit, his part-
ner shall bid "Two No Trumps"
on a Yarborough. Here we have
undiluted artificial convention.

Mr. Ewart Kempson, the noted
bridge authority, puts it well.

He uses the word "convention,"
but qualifies it. He says a motor
driver's signals are conventional,
but they are not artificial. A fair
definition is, "An agreement to
follow a course of action which
has no natural common-sense
basis." It is behaviour equivalent
to raps on the table, and you must
tell your partner and your oppo-
nents what your proposed raps are
to mean.

Few in this country appear to
realise that these conventions are
nothing but professional dope for
the "mus" public in America.
They bring fame or money to the
inventors, or both.

I cannot for the life of me un-
derstand why the Portland, of all
clubs, should be jeered at for not
adopting them.

Childish Devices.

Because this club and all first-
class players in this country re-
fuse to indulge in these childish
devices they are condemned as nin-
compoops by some critics.

We are all described as "guess-
ers!" "What chance have we got,"
asks Sir Max, "against one of Mr.
Culbertson's picked teams?"

I will tell him.
The best team in Britain would
overwhelm any team from the
United States.

This opinion is based on fact.
The only recorded match is that
in which I captained an English
side against Culbertson's best
team of four. Good players as
they are, those who played for
me would be astonished if anyone
described them as among the best
in Britain. None were members
of the Portland or of any club of
similar bridge standing.

None of us had played "dupli-
cate" or indulged in match play
of any kind, and we had never
played together. The Americans
had been playing as a team in
duplicate matches for five years.

What happened?
During the first two days we
were all at sea. After these two
days (not five years) of team work
and experience of "duplicate" we
played five more days' strenuous
bridge, and on balance we won 600
points during these five days.

We were pitted against the in-
ventors of the "Forcing System,"
a system which Sir Max Pembr-
ton supports. I wonder has he
seen the published record of every
bid made and every card played?

If it was the system that beat
us, then it succeeded on only one
day out of seven. This was the
second day's play, the day that lost
us the match.

Actually, on this day only one
forcing bid made by our oppo-
nents had a successful result. On
this hand they made 370 points,
due solely to bad bidding by the
English side.

During the bidding of the whole
400 hands only 17 forcing bids
were made. On four of these
there was a successful result, but
in each case this was due to poor
bidding by the English team. Six
were unsuccessful, and on the re-
maining seven the results in both
rooms was the same. In the 400
hands, only twice was the much-
advertised "strong two" employed.
It cost the Americans 970 points.

"Systems" No Good.

Here we get facts won because
they played better natural bridge
than the team opposed to them.
If they had not made isolated at-
tempts to play their forcing sys-
tem, they would have won by a
much larger margin. I have said
enough to show that "conventions"
and "systems" are no good. I
appeal to card players not to be
influenced by unsupported state-
ments.

Culbertson has a sense of
humour. He must be laughing up
his sleeve at this adulation of a
worthless stunt which he well
knows is a failure.

The cause of British bridge is
so dear to me that I throw mod-
esty aside and point out that every
reviewer of the Anglo-American
match has put me easily first
among the whole eight players. I
am not unduly elated, since I do
not think the company, taken all
round, was first class. In many
independent reviews, Ely Culbert-
son, fine player though he is, is
placed no higher than fifth.
Sir Max Pembrton is only one
of many who have encouraged the
(Continued on Page 7.)



"Gentlemen, we've got to get behind this article!"

CHILD SOLD FOR
SMALL SUM.QUITE A CASUAL
TRANSACTION.

GO-BETWEEN FINED.

Another transaction involving the sale of a minor, the casual nature of which was regarded as a most undesirable feature, was brought to the notice of Mr. Schofield at the Central Police Court to-day, when Yu Yung, mother of a three-year-old child, was summoned for selling the infant to another woman, and Look Koo was summoned for being concerned in the transaction as a go-between.

Mr. Q. A. A. MacFadyen, appearing for the Secretary for Chinese Affairs, said there were three people concerned who were liable to prosecution, but for various reasons he had decided to summon the mother and go-between only, and not the purchaser. There was a distinct flavour of "flying the white pigeon" from what he had learned of the mother. Admittedly she had five children and her husband was ill. After selling the child she had not satisfactorily applied for the return of the child, but had apparently left it to a casual stranger to put in a word that the child was being ill-treated.

Entirely Casual.

As a matter of fact, said Mr. MacFadyen, the child looked very fit; it seemed to be perfectly contented and there was absolutely no sign of ill-treatment. It would appear that from the mother's point of view the transaction was entirely casual, and it was very probable that if the child was returned to her she would sell it again, unless she had some warning.

As regards the second defendant, Look Koo, she said that she was not present when the purchase money, amounting to \$30, was passed over. In all these cases, said Mr. MacFadyen, a sale would probably never take place without the intervention of a go-between. In the present instance, the other woman, who was not prosecuted, made a casual remark that she wanted a child to act as companion to her own child, and, having overheard it, the go-between, Look Koo, took it on herself to search for one. The whole case therefore arose from the intervention of Look Koo.

Care of Children.

As regards the punishment, Mr. MacFadyen observed that he thought the mother would have some difficulty in paying a monetary fine, in view of her poverty and her husband's illness. On the other hand, a term of imprisonment would also raise a difficulty, as there would be the question of the care of her five children. Mr. MacFadyen did not know if the same considerations applied to the go-between.

Replying to a question from the Bench as to precedents, Mr. MacFadyen said it had been usual to prosecute the purchaser as well, but in this case they did not know what was in the purchaser's mind, whether the child would be an adopted daughter and companion for her other child, as she claimed, or would be eventually employed as a *mui-tai*. The point was stressed that it was a casual transaction for the mother who did not know who the purchaser was until introduced.

Mother Warned.

In binding the mother over in a sum of \$50 for a year, his Worship made it clear to her that that measure was to deter her from again selling the child after it was returned to her. His Worship warned her that if she did so, she would not only be fined \$50 but go to prison as well.

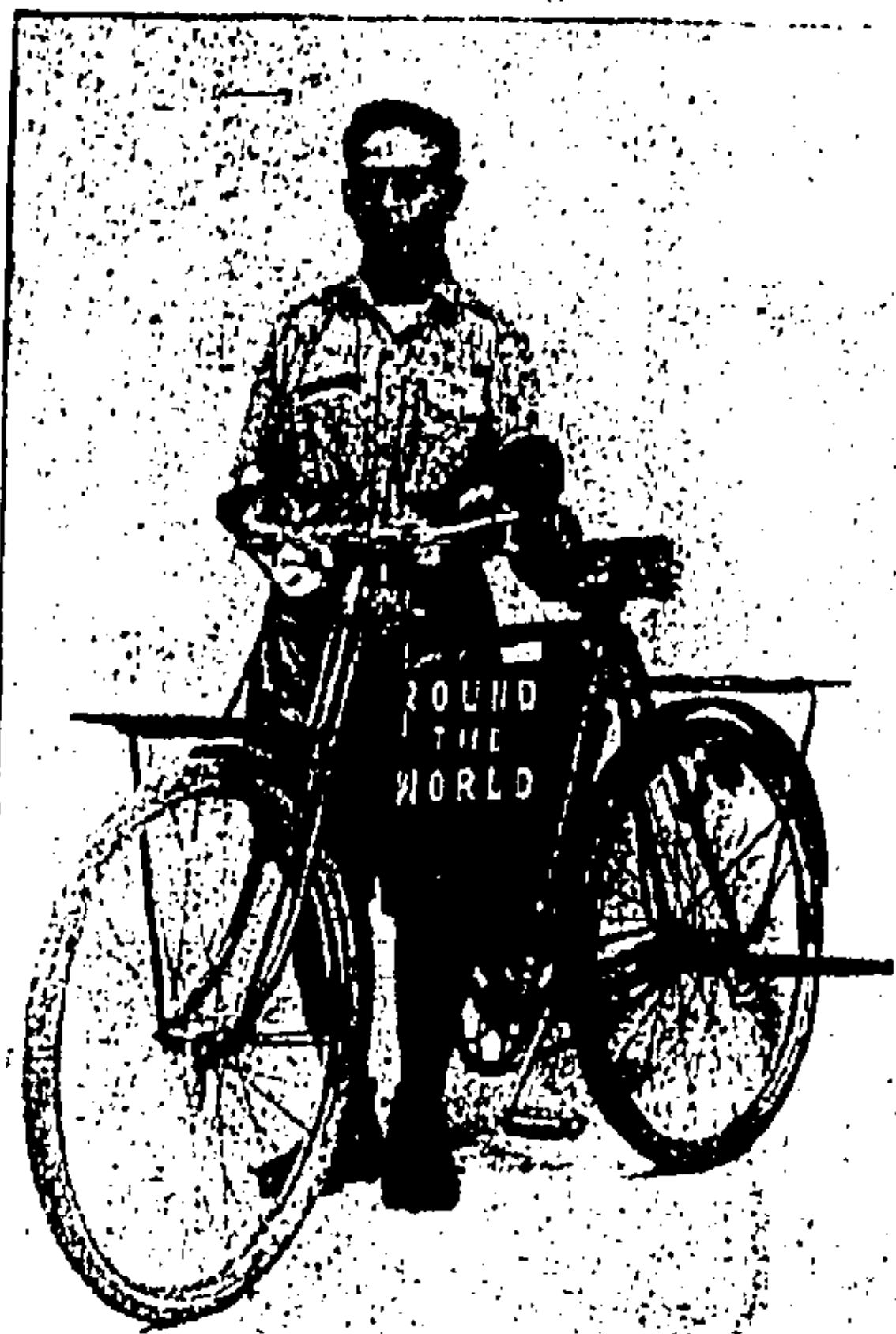
Look Koo, convicted as a go-between, was fined \$20, with the alternative of three weeks' imprisonment.

EXCHANGE RATES.

	Previous Day.	Yesterday.
Paris	80 1/2	80 1/2
Geneva	17 1/2	17 1/2
Berlin	14 1/2	14 1/2
Oporto	18 1/2	18 1/2
Helsingfors	240	240
Athens	240	240
Buenos Aires	41 1/2	41 1/2
Shanghai	2/0 1/2	2/0 1/2
New York	3/39 1/2	3/39 1/2
Amsterdam	8/7 1/2	8/7 1/2
Stockholm	18	17 1/2
Vienna	28	28
Madrid	40 1/2	40 1/2
Bucharest	67 1/2	67 1/2
Hongkong	1/5 1/2	1/5 1/2
Brussels	24 1/2	24 1/2
Milan	60 1/2	60 1/2
Copenhagen	18 1/2	18 1/2
Prague	114	114
Lisbon	400 1/2	400 1/2
Rio	4 1/2	4 1/2
Bombay	1/6 3/4	1/6 3/4
Yokohama	22 3/4	22 3/4
Montevideo	31 1/2	31 1/2
Manila	3/20	3/20
Silver (per oz.)	20 1/2	20 1/2

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WORLD TOUR ON PUSH-BIKE.



Our picture shows Mr. Ram Nath Biswas, a young Indian adventurer who has arrived in Hongkong in the course of a world tour on a push bicycle.

ROUND WORLD ON
PUSH-BIKE.INDIAN ADVENTURER IN
HONGKONG.

TWELVE-YEAR TREK.

An interesting visitor in the Colony at present is Ram Nath Biswas, an Indian, who is touring the world on a push bicycle and on foot.

Mr. Biswas, who is 36 years of age, was born in Assam, India, and served when he was about 20 years of age in the Indian Army, in which for five years he was a regimental and hospital clerk. Being demobilised in 1923 he returned to his home, and in the following year went to Malaya, joining the Penang Municipality as a meter supervisor. He was a Marine Court usher in Singapore, when an impulse came upon him to tour the world.

With this idea in mind he set out on July 7 this year on his push bicycle and toured Malaya, Siam, and Indo-China before he arrived at Haiphong, from which place he took passage in the s.s. *Borneo* for Hongkong, arriving yesterday.

So far his tour has been devoid of any outstanding incident, except for the fact that once in Indo-China, when climbing a mountain he suffered from exposure. From Hongkong, he intends to go to Canton, Shanghai, Nanking, Tientsin, Peking, Mukden, Harbin, Korea and Japan. Then he will go to America, where he will tour extensively, and afterwards to Europe, thence to India and Tibet, where he hopes to finish his journey.

He estimates that his whole tour will take him twelve years to complete. At the end of it, he hopes to write a book on his travels and to devote the proceeds to philanthropic purposes.

WORLD'S BEST BRIDGE
PLAYERS.

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belief that American bridge is superior. It is little wonder that 90 per cent. of bridge books sold in this country are American books. I suggest that British play and British books are best.

PHIPPS on

UNCLE XMAS

"She's off!" said Uncle Tom. "Chg. chg. chg!" said Uncle Fred. "Rest away!" said Uncle Angus. From which you may gather that the uncles are in town again. Before Christmas the aunthood of the nations is deserted, and the toy-departments of the big stores are uncle-deep with the deserts. The intensely avuncular dialogue which I have quoted was overheard in the model railway section of a large emporium. An emporium large enough, and sensible enough, to include in that section a complete demonstration railway and unlimited uncle-space.

This particular covey (Tom, Fred, and Angus) were unrelated, but they were united in a common purpose, to wit—running the Up Express.

YOUNG RUSSIAN
VAGRANTS.FINED FOR FRAUD
ON RAILWAY.

Two young Russians, Kloneta Dmitriy Apanserick and Vondoff George Nikanov, who had served a sentence in Hongkong for arriving in the Colony without a passport, were charged again at the Kowloon Magistracy before Mr. Fraser this morning with the same offence in addition to two others, namely, being vagrants and defrauding the Kowloon-Canton Railway of 60 cents each.

Detective Sub-Inspector Elston, who prosecuted, said the defendants had served a sentence in Hongkong, and on the strength of an expulsion order, they were sent to Canton by steamer on December 18. On December 20, they were found on a train on the way to Canton between Taiipo and Sheungshui.

Inspector Elston said police officers saw the accused to the boat and saw it sail away, but he was unable to prove that they had been to Canton. He did not think it likely that they could have been there in view of the short period between the time they were seen off to Canton and the time they were again caught on the train. He would therefore withdraw the charge of arriving in the Colony without a passport. His Worship remarked that in view of the fact that the defendants had already served a term of imprisonment, he did not propose to send them to goal again. He imposed a fine of \$10 or 14 days and ordered them to be sent to the House of Detention at the expiry of their sentences.

ATLANTIC GALES.

ANCHOR LINE'S SEVERE
BUFFETING.

London, Dec. 22. The Anchor liner *Tuscania* arrived at Glasgow this morning after having encountered violent gales in mid-Atlantic.

On three occasions the ship had to have to, and on December 16 a heavy sea broke aboard, flooding much of the third class accommodation. The ship lurched badly, and the rush of water knocked over several passengers, one woman receiving fatal injuries.

The behaviour of the passengers and crew was admirable throughout this exciting experience. —*British Wireless.*

Nephews Return to Fretwork.

Like all uncles at this time of year, they were carrying out preliminary tests with the trains they are going to give themselves for Christmas. The legal possession, or fee simple, will, of course, vest in their several nephews, but the latter, after receiving thanks, will return to their fretwork.

Uncle Tom, in charge of the signals, was throwing his weight about in his cabin. "Home!" he would shout, and "Distant!" as he kept the "fast goods" running to schedule.

Uncle Fred was station-master and sound-effects. I never heard a whistle like Uncle Fred's as he have been ideal for calling the cattle home across the Sands of Dee. Uncle Fred also showed remarkable tone as a safety-valve. Uncle Angus was engine-driver, fireman, porter, and turntable-hand. Losh, how Uncle Angus took the 10.15 round corner! In the end he took it round so many corners that he had to take it home with him.

MILLIONAIRE'S
SON CHARGED.ASSOCIATION WITH
HONGKONG.

REMARKABLE CASE.

Reference to a Chinese who left a fortune of fifteen million guilders and was a former diplomat, a European lawyer who was struck off the rolls for shady practices at Hongkong, a Chinese gangster who was shot dead in Singapore in a "brush" with the police, and a "thoroughly criminal family," were made last week, in the course of the trial of the son of a millionaire, who stands charged before Mr. G. C. Dodd, the Singapore Criminal District Judge, with theft of a title deed or alternatively with abetment of using as genuine a forged document.

The accused in the case is Chang Kham Hoe, a young well-dressed and educated Chinese, the fourth son of Mr. Chang Put See, alias Chang Tiew Siat, a multi-millionaire who died some 14 years ago leaving an enormous fortune in Singapore and in the Netherlands East Indies. Mr. Chang Put See, it is said, was at one time Chinese Consul at Penang and an Ambassador to the United States where his young son, Chang Kham Hoe, the man now accused of common theft, accompanied him.

Other Charges.

Since his arrest in respect of the title deed, Chang Kham Hoe, who has millionaire brothers in Hongkong and Java, was arrested on a further warrant in respect of two charges, a criminal breach of trust and two of altering cheques signed by Ng Siew Pui. He is now on bail of \$20,000.

According to the case for the prosecution conducted by Mr. S. H. Tan, the complainant Ng Ah Kow, a man described as a well-known Singapore merchant and landowner, had two of his sons in the Hongkong University and received a telegram from one of them asking for funds. He owned three houses in Blair Road and one, No. 77 Tras Street.

At that time Chang Kham Hoe was a sub-tenant of his at one of the Blair Road houses where Chang Kham Hoe occupied a portion of the house with a concubine. In view of the receipt of the telegram from one of his sons, the complainant proposed to sell all his houses if favourable prices were obtaining, otherwise he intended to mortgage one of them.

Ng Ah Kow, it is alleged, approached Chang Kham Hoe for assistance in this direction and he undertook to do the necessary canvassing for a buyer or arrange for the mortgage. On this understanding the complainant handed over the four title deeds and accompanied Chang Kham Hoe to the offices of Messrs. Allen and Glendhill, solicitors for the latter.

Left for Investigation.

Here, it is alleged, Chang Kham Hoe induced the complainant to leave his title deeds for investigation by his solicitor. This was done. Subsequently negotiations fell through and Chang Kham Hoe returned the three of the title deeds but failed to hand over the document relating to the Tras Street house.

Ng Ah Kow, it is alleged, was put off from time to time with a variety of excuses until he discovered to his surprise that the title deed had been mortgaged through the firm of Messrs. Chan and Eber for \$5,000 with a chattel by a person who had impersonated him.

The defence, conducted by Mr. K. K. O'Connor and Mr. Nasir A. Mallal, alleges that the complainant is a member of a thoroughly criminal family, "one of his sons having been shot down in Singapore during an ambush by Detective Inspectors D. W. McIntosh and Byrdie and a house of detectives on a gang of Chinese gunmen who were going in a motor-car along Havelock Road last year. In the ensuing gun fight both Mr. McIntosh and Mr. Byrdie were wounded and some of the gunmen were shot dead.

Litigation in D.E.I.

The defence further alleges that Chang Kham Hoe, a trustee to his father's fifteen-million guilder fortune, is engaged in litigation in the Netherlands East Indies and the complainant, in collusion with a European lawyer who has been struck off the rolls and Chat Thai (the seventh concubine or wife) of the late multi-millionaire, is doing his worst by bringing these proceedings against Chang Kham Hoe in an attempt to keep him out of the way in Singapore.

Struck Off Lawyer.

After complainant had given evidence, he was cross-examined by Mr. O'Connor as follows:—Have you ever met a man called Mr. Rowan, a lawyer who had his name struck off the rolls in Hongkong for shady practices?—No.

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7.00-11.35 p.m. European programme.
7.00-10.00 p.m. Programme of Victor records.
7.00 p.m. Mail notice, etc.
7.03-7.30 p.m. Operatic.
Selections from Melstofelo (Bolton arr. Creator).
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Creator's Band. 35971.
Gems from "Aida" (Verdi).
Victor Light Opera Company. 35940.
Die Fledermaus-Overture (Strauss).
Victor Symphony Orchestra. 35955.
8.00 p.m. (Local time and weather report).
7.30-8.20 p.m. Concert Items.
Song-Somewhere a Voice is Calling (Newton-Tate).
Song-Mighty Lak a Rose (Stanley-Nevin).
Frances Alda (Soprano). 1189.
Violin Solo-Negro Spiritual Melody (Kreiser-Dvorak).
Violin Solo-Song of the Volga Boatmen (arr. Kreiser). 1122.
Song-At Dawning (Eberhart-Cadman).
Song-I Hear a Thrush at Eve (Eberhart-Cadman).
John McCormack (Tenor). 742.
Piano Solo-Sacato-Gracipe (Max Vogrich).
Piano Solo-Hungarian Rhapsody, No. 4 (Liszt).
Yolanda Mero. 1155.
Song-Simonetta (White-Rumbold).
Song-The Little Damsel (Weber-Novello).
Lucia Bori (Soprano). 1102.
Violin Solo-Gavotte (Beethoven).
Violin Solo-Minuet (Bach-Winterhitz).

Fritz Kreisler. 1130.
Song-Maria, Mari (Russo-di Capua).
Benjamin Glil (Tenor). 1134.
8.20-8.35 p.m. Concert Waltzes.
Eva Waltzes (Lehar-arr. Schott).
Carmen Sylvia (Ivanovici).
International Novelty Orch. 35984.
wedding Dance (Lincke).
Blue Danube (Strauss).
International Concert Orch. 35927.
8.35-9.20 p.m.
Trio No. 7 in B Flat Major (Beethoven Op. 97).
Played by Alfred Cortot (Pianist).
Jacques Thibaud (Violinist) and Pablo Casals (Cellist). M-92.
9.20-9.55 p.m. Variety.
Orchestral-Any Corner is a Cozy Corner.
Orchestral-Nobody's Baby is Somebody's Baby Now.
Ted Weems and His Orch. 22829.
Song-My Rough and Rowdy Ways.
Song-Tuck Away My Lonesome Blues.
Jimmy Rodgers. 22820.
Orchestral-You're My Everything.
Orchestral-Ooh That Kiss.
Victor Arden-Phil Ohman and Their Orchestra. 22818.
Chorus-Happiness Boys Going Abroad.
Chorus-Happiness Boys in London.
The Happiness Boys. 22491.
Orchestral-It's the Darndest Thing.
Orchestral-Singin' the Blues.
The High Hatters. 22809.

All records in the above European programmes are kindly supplied by Messrs. Tang Fook Piano Co.
9.55-10.50 p.m.
Concerto No. 1 in B Flat Minor (Tchaikovsky) Played by Mark Hambourg with the Royal Albert Hall Orchestra conducted by Sir London Ronald.

1st Movement-Allegro non troppo e Molto Maestoso.
2nd Movement-Andantino semplice.
3rd Movement-Allegro con fuoco.
(This Suite is kindly loaned by Mr. A. M. Bowes-Smith).

10.30-11.15 p.m. (Approximately).
Running Commentary on the Boxing Tournament from the City Hall.
Signalman Morris H.M.S. Suffolk v. A. B. Waines H.M.S. Hermes by kind permission of the Boxing Association.
11.15 p.m. (Approx.). Rugby mid-day press news.
11.20 p.m. (Approx.). Close down.

Now be careful, Mr. Ng Ah Kow, you have never met Mr. Rowan and Chat Thai?—No.
Do you know if your wife knows them?—No, how can she when these people have never visited us. I suggest to you that Mr. Rowan and this woman Chat Thai are behind this case and you know that fully well?—It is not so.

You are on your oath, Mr. Ng Ah Kow. You mean to say that Rowan is not taking any part in this case?—I do not know him. Do you know that Rowan and Chat Thai have instituted proceedings against the accused in Java, and that it would be very convenient for them to shut him up here?—I don't know anything about that.

"I hope my learned friend will prove all that Mr. Tan said. 'I will prove everything I say, Mr. Tan,' Mr. O'Connor replied.

Other Proceedings.
Mr. O'Connor (to complainant): Your wife has instituted other criminal proceedings against this accused?—Yes.

"You are out to get him at all costs," Mr. O'Connor commented. Referring to further questions by Mr. O'Connor, Ng Ah Kow said that one of his sons, Ng Yeok Boon, obtained a medical degree in Hongkong and another son, Ng Yeok Kim, was also in Hongkong and had been there six years, returning to Singapore only this year.

The case has not yet been concluded.

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NAVY OVERCOME THE ARMY.

TRIANGULAR RUGBY TOURNAMENT.

FORWARDS DOMINATE.

The Navy advanced another stage in the Triangular Rugby Tournament when they defeated the Army at Sookunpoo yesterday by 15 points to 3, and indications are that they will win the competition with ease, having previously taken toll from the Club.

Though the Army made a gallant fight, there was never any doubt as to the nautical men's superiority, with the forwards again the dominating factor. Watson and Hubback were in brilliant form, but the whole pack worked together with telling effect both in the scrum and loose, while soundness, rather than brilliancy, marked the work of the Navy defence.

Badly beaten in the scrums, the Army forwards discovered this inferiority to be a great handicap, which even their fine work in the loose could not fully offset. The Army halves lacked strategy in their movements, depending rather on vigour, and this their opponents countered with ease.

The Army opened in promising style, and territorially speaking held an even balance of the exchanges, but gradually the Navy assumed a definite superiority, and it was not surprising to see Hubback open the scoring, after receiving a pass from Pizey. The try remained unconverted.

Despite some wonderful work among the Army forwards in the loose, fielding went across for the Navy for an unconverted touch down, while Pizey brought the total up to nine with a penalty goal. The Navy led by nine clear points at the interval.

Lockley added to this shortly after the resumption, when he rounded off a clever movement among the three-quarters, while Fabrey, who ran well along the line, added further points when he touched down far out.

It was not until the closing minutes that the spirited play of the losers found its reward, Keith-Murray completing a good movement by scoring a try near the corner. It was not converted.

NEAR TO PORT.

HUGE FLOATING DOCK'S LONG JOURNEY.

Wellington, Dec. 21.
A tremendous towage feat is almost over.

One of the world's largest floating docks is at present less than 400 miles from Wellington after being towed 35,000 miles—more than half way round the world—from England.

The dock which is for ships up to 17,000 tons, is for the Wellington Harbour Board.

The crew cannot reach port by Christmas but they expect to arrive on Sunday.—*Reuter's Special Service.*

HOLIDAY CRICKET.

UNIVERSITY TEAMS FOR ALL DAY MATCHES.

The University first and second teams are playing all day matches against the Indian Recreation Club on Saturday, the games to start at 10.30 a.m. in each case.

The senior team will play at Pokfulam, the University side being represented by the following players: A. T. Nomanbhoy, D. J. N. Anderson, F. R. Zimmern, L. T. Bide, A. T. Lee, H. Nomanbhoy, E. L. Gosano, A. M. Rodrigues, W. K. Chon, P. M. N. da Silva and A. Bakar.

Junior Match.

The match between the second eleven of the University and the Indian R.C. will take place at Sookunpoo, the undergraduates being represented by the following: P. L. Tan, K. P. Gan, G. E. Yeoh, G. B. Scully, A. A. Aziz, D. K. Samy, C. E. B. Clarabut, R. E. G. Leong, D. Roy, B. K. Ng, and M. M. Yayahbhoy. Reserves: D. Hunt, S. Tala.

H.K.C.C. v. the Army.

In the above match, on Saturday, 20th December, on the Club ground at 10.30 a.m., the following have been selected to play for the Club: H. Owen Hughes (Captain), A. C. Beck, A. C. I. Bowker, E. R. Duckitt, R. H. Griffiths, O. E. C. Marton, D. McLehann, E. J. R. Mitchell, A. Reid, J. E. Richardson, G. R. Sayer.

HOLIDAY FOOTBALL.

REST VERSUS THE SERVICES.

The following have been selected to represent "The Rest" against the Services on January 1, on the H.K. Club ground, kick off at 3.30 p.m. sharp:

Reserves: Martin, Strange, Hedley, Skinner (Capt.), Blier, H. Gosano, A. V. Gosano, Howe, Segalen and Pile.

The proceeds of this match will go to the Poppy Day Fund, the match usually played on Armistice Day between the Services and the Rest having been postponed owing to heavy rain.

The Army Charity Match usually played on January 1 (fixed for January 2 this season) has been postponed until January 9.

Interport Probables.

The following have been selected to represent a Probable Interport XI, against a selected team to be notified later:

Reserves: Martin, Strange, Jay, McKelvie, Blier, H. Gosano, A. V. Gosano, Howe, Rawson, and Duncan (S.W.B.).

The match will be played on the H.K. Football Club ground on Wednesday, January 13, kick off at 4 p.m. sharp.

Players are requested to inform the Hon. Secretary, H.K.F.A., if they are unable to play.

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul acknowledges with thanks the sum of \$291.00 from the Portuguese Ladies' Sewing Circle for distribution amongst the Kowloon poor under the above Society, as a special Christmas grant.

The directors of the Tung Wah Hospital have issued invitations for the formal opening of the tuberculosis wards of the Kwong Wah Hospital, Yaumati, on Wednesday, December 30, at 11 a.m. H.E. the Governor, Sir William Peel, is to perform the opening ceremony.

ANTI-MALARIAL SURVEY.

LARGE UNDERTAKING NOT YET COMPLETED.

With the \$150,000 set aside for anti-malarial works in the estimates of 1932, the Government will begin those undertakings early next year, declared the President of the Sanitary Board (Mr. Sayer) at the fortnightly meeting yesterday. The Government was already in consultation with the owners of property affected in certain of the areas, he added.

Mr. Sayer made these announcements while replying to the questions asked by Mr. M. K. Lo. The President also stated that the comprehensive survey of the Colony by the Malariaologist was in progress, but had not yet been completed. Mr. Lo's questions were:

Malariaologist's Work.

With reference to my questions on Dec. 9, 1930, and the answers of the Head of the Sanitary Department to me of the same date, in the course of which he stated that the reports of the Malariaologist on Lyceum and Taikeo were forwarded to the Government by the Honourable the Director of Medical and Sanitary Services with his recommendations on October 4 and 14 1930, respectively, that the Government was not then in a position to announce its intentions on the recommendations submitted, and that the question of publishing the recommendations had not been considered by the Government, and

With reference to my questions on February 3, 1931, and the answers of the Head of the Sanitary Department to me on the same date, in the course of which he stated inter alia that he was authorised to reply that when the Malariaologist had made a comprehensive survey and had submitted a complete report on the Colony it would be published—

Will the Head of the Sanitary Department be kind enough to ascertain from the Government, and inform the Board, as to whether the Malariaologist has now made the comprehensive survey and complete report above referred to, and if not, as to whether it is possible to state when the same may be expected, and when the same will be published?

Will the Head of the Sanitary Department be kind enough to obtain from the Government the necessary information to enable him to make a statement to this Board as to what anti-malarial measures have been taken since the appointment of the Malariaologist?

Can the Head of the Sanitary Department give information to the Board as to whether there is any evidence that such anti-malarial measures as have been taken within the present year have resulted in any appreciable diminution of this disease as compared with former years?

Is it not a fact that there are many malarial cases in the Colony at the present time?

Some Surveys Made.

The President replied: 1.—The comprehensive survey of the Colony is in progress but it is a work of considerable magnitude and it is not possible to say when it will be finished. Detailed surveys

BOXING.

CITY HALL

Wednesday, 23rd Dec., 1931,

at 9.15 p.m.

MAIN EVENT

Welter-Weight Championship
of the Colony

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have been made of certain areas including Lyceum, Taikeo, Repulse Bay, So Kon Po and Stanley and parts of Tai Po.

2.—No special works other than stream-cleaning have been undertaken during 1931 as the result of the Malaria surveys. A sum of \$150,000 has been included for Anti-malarial works in the Estimates for 1932 and the Government is in consultation with the owners of property affected in certain of the areas with a view to commencing work early next year.

3.—Malaria is not a notifiable disease and accordingly accurate figures of its incidence are not available. Nor owing to the many factors involved would such figures, if available, constitute a reliable measure of the success or otherwise of anti-malarial field work in the Colony.

4.—425 deaths attributed to malaria have occurred during the 11 months of this year as compared with 515 for the 12 months of last.

Members of the Board present were Mr. G. R. Sayer (President), Hon. Harold T. Cressy (Vice-President), Dr. G. W. Pope (Medical Officer of Health), Mr. Wong Kwong-tin, Hon. Mr. T. N. Chou, Mr. M. K. Lo, Dr. R. A. de Castro Baato, Mr. L. C. F. Bellamy, Mr. J. H. Gelling (Secretary), and Mr. J. Hargreaves (Assistant Secretary).

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NOTES SUPPLIED BY THE THEATRES.

"Sporting Blood," sensational drama of the turf, with one of the most elaborate casts assembled in seasons, is the attraction which will be shown at the Queen's Theatre to-day. The picture is based on Frederick Hazlett Breen's "Saturday Evening Post" story, "Horadash," Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer produced it. Clark Gable, who recently starred in "A Free Soul," "The Secret Six" and "Laughing Sinners," and Marge Evans, of "Son of India" fame, play the central roles, as the blackleg dealer and the gambler's sweetheart, respectively, who in seeking to rehabilitate an abused racehorse find rehabilitation for themselves. "The Bridge of San Luis Rey" and other hits, directed the new production, and a specially notable cast appears, including Ernest Torrence, Lew Cody, Marie Prevost, Harry Holman, Hallam Cooley, J. Farrell McDonald, and others. Many famous jockeys and race horses also appear. Much of the picture was filmed on Kentucky race horse breeding farms and show the "inside" of the method of the track. The Kentucky Derby and other famous races furnish added thrills to the vivid story of gambling and greed.

"The Texan." Totally different in many ways, yet bringing the same carefree, swagging, outdoor freedom of "The Virginian" to the talking screen, "The Texan," Paramount's second production of the West, opens a three-day showing at the Central Theatre. Gary Cooper, "The Virginian," is also "The Texan."

O. Henry wrote the original story "A Double Dyeed Deceiver," from which "The Texan" was adapted. It first appeared in a collection of stories, "Roads of Destiny," by the famous author, and popular acclaim singled it out as one of the most thoroughly human pieces from the pen of America's best-loved writer. Oliver H. P. Garrett, who wrote "Street of Chance," adapted O. Henry's story for the screen. The story opens in Texas, an climax on the pampas of South America. It tells of the Lingo Kid, a young bandit, who is persuaded to go to South America to pose as the runaway son of a wealthy and aristocratic widow. There he meets the widow's beautiful niece, and finds a mother's love. Although he went to rob, he finds he cannot destroy the older woman's happiness.

Filled with splendid outdoor scenes and action, the picture has a dramatic appeal. Gary Cooper is a fast-rising, fast-shooting plainsman, whose true honesty is forced to the surface in a human and logical way. Fay Wray is the girl. She played opposite Cooper in "The First Kiss" and "Legend of the Condor." Emma Dunn gives another wonderful mother portrayal, one of the best of those which have made her famous on stage and screen for nearly a quarter of a century. John Cromwell, who directed George Brent in "The Mighty" and William Powell in "Street of Chance," made this picture.

"The Dawn Patrol." Air scenes directed by an experienced airman and in which forty-six stunt flyers anticipated what will be witnessed in "The Dawn Patrol," the First National-Vitaphone picture starring Richard Barthelmess, which comes to the Queen's Theatre on Sunday.

Four weeks were spent on location at Triunfo, and Newhall, California. The stunt flyers included such noted pilots as Leo Nomis, E. H. Robinson, Ira Reed, Frank Tomick and R. S. McAllister, who was later killed in a crash in New York City while making a landing with Bach, president of the acrobatic company bearing his name. Howard Hawks, who directed "The Dawn Patrol" is himself a licensed pilot having entered the air service in 1917. He is a brother of Kenneth Hawks who met an untimely end in the Fox Film crash which cost the lives of ten men. Barthelmess is supported by a remarkable cast composed of Douglas Fairbanks, Jr., Neil Hamilton, Gardner James, Edmund Brown, Clyde Cook, James Finlayson, William Janney, and others. The story was adapted by Seton Miller and Dan Totheroh.

"The Girl Habit." "Ruggles' first starring picture, is now showing at the King's Theatre. As such it gives him a chance to display fully all his clever talents for making folks laugh right out loud. Since he is the main personality in this picture, audiences can depend upon it that the performance will be even funnier than the earlier films in which Ruggles was a mere featured player, such as "Gentlemen of the Press," "Young Man of Manhattan" and "Her Wedding Night."

"The Girl Habit" was written by

Owen Davis and Gertrude Purcell. Davis is probably the greatest of living American play-makers. Miss Purcell is a veteran scenarist. Edward Cline, one of the most famous of comedy-directors in the film industry, directed the picture at Paramount's New York studio. A competent cast of Broadway favourites supports Ruggles. The support is headed by Donald Meek, recently starred in the cast of "Oh Promise Me" Broadway farce hit, and a veteran also of comedy character parts in the films. Maragot Dumont, the queenly hostess of the two earlier Marx Brothers films, "The Cocoanuts" and "Animal Crackers," enacts an important role as the mother of the young society girl, played by Sue Conroy, to whom Charlie is engaged. Miss Conroy is a graduate from the "line" of the so-called villainesses. Tamarra Geva has an important place in the picture. Miss Geva is the sensational dancer who, with Clifton Webb, knocks the customers cold in "Three's A Crowd," the big Broadway revues show.

"The Girl Habit" presents Charlie as a wealthy young bachelor, although already engaged to marry one sweet young thing, just can't seem to keep out of the clutches of very conviving female he meets. Miss Geva is the department store sales girl who makes the most trouble for our comical hero. She is the possessor of old love-letters which Charlie wants to get so that he can destroy them. When he goes to her apartment to receive the damaging epistles, he is discovered there by Tamar's irate gangster husband, who swears he'll put Charlie on the spot. The ensuing events shows Charlie trying to evade the avenging gangster and his mob and at the same time trying to pacify the "one and only" and her mother. He finally has to resort to a jail term to get out of the path of the avenger. But even there he is not safe, as the gang has been "sent up" also. Then there is the innocent "affair" with the warden's wife, and any number of rollicking situations which follow.

"Grumpy." Doris Anderson, who wrote "The Wolf Wall Street," is the author of the screen play, "Grumpy," which comes to the King's Theatre shortly, with Cyril Maude, one of England's foremost actors, in the title role. Miss Anderson made her adaptation from the stage comedy of the same name by Horace Hodges and Thomas Wigney Percyval, who had completed the play in 1913 when Maude was looking for a vehicle to add to his repertoire for an American engagement.

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GEMS OF PERIL.

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They all know me down there. They wouldn't tell me, and they can smell a dick a mile away. But you can nose around and get the low-down where I'd get the boot, and maybe a bullet in the gizzard. See?"

Mike nodded.

"Also, you might find out who owns this La Mosca filly. May be just a hunch of mine, but it strikes me funny—You go down. Mike and I'll be around and buzz you on it; see what you find out."

"O. K." said Mike.

"And be careful. Remember we haven't got anything on this guy—yet. But we're going to have. And when we get him we're going to get him right. So watch your aten. He thinks he's safe as a church as you're in no danger, unless your foot slips."

There was a moment's pregnant silence. Mike turned his back on Mary and leaning toward Bowen poured out a flood of rapid whispering.

"Hey, wait—take it slow!" Bowen objected. When the snake-like hissing subsided the reporter relaxed and waved him away.

"Oh, no no, no!" he answered, "that's all right. Well, see you Saturday. Don't forget what I told you."

The writer bowed deeply to Mary, in unexpected fashion, and scuttled away.

"What did he say?" Mary asked fearfully, unable to restrain her curiosity.

Bowen's left eyebrow jerked quizzically.

"He was apologizing because he was unable to do the job for us—bump him off."

"Oh, good heavens!" Mary gasped.

"He said he would be charmed to oblige a lady, but reminded me that he was not available for that sort of thing now. The Baumes' laws, you know. Fourth time and out. If he gets in trouble once more, he goes to prison for life."

Mary laughed from sheer nervousness.

It was still raining, but they were both anxious to get out of the place. Never had fresh air smelled so sweet.

"I'll get you a taxi," Bowen offered, but Mary shook her head.

"I'll take the bus at the corner."

"Sorry I haven't an umbrella for you. Take this, anyhow—it'll keep you dry getting on and off, and you can give it to one of the flurkeys when you're done with it. It's none of mine."

Mary looked down at the coat he hid over her arm. It was an English make, well worn. Hastily she opened it and examined it with shaking fingers. Stitches here, where a seam had ripped.

"But—this is my brother Eddie's coat! Where did you find it?" she gasped.

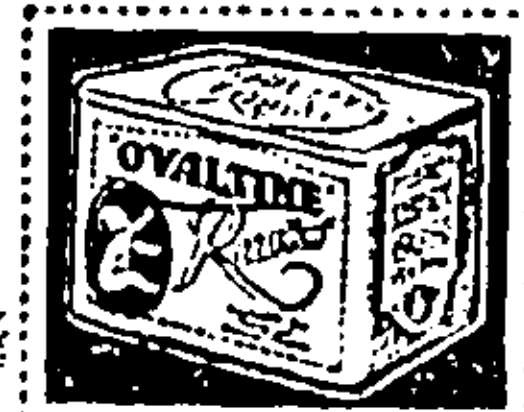
"Why," stammered the startled reporter, "I found it in the upper hall of the Jupiter house that night of the murder. It was hanging over the stair-rail. I thought one of the newspaper men had left it there, so I took it home with me." (To Be Continued)

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SIR WM. HORNE'S PLEA FOR SUPPORT.

The Vice-Chancellor of Hongkong University, Sir William Horne, made a strong appeal for support for the recently formed Graduates' Association, at the Association's first annual dinner, which was held in the Chinese Merchants' Club, China Building, last night, under the Chairmanship of Mr. H. Hong Sling, Vice-Chairman of the Association.

A company of over 100 graduates and their lady friends sat down to a repast that was done full justice to, and they afterwards enjoyed themselves with dancing to the strains of Charlie Chan's peppy dance orchestra.

After the Loyal Toast, and the toast to the Republic of China, had been honoured, the Chairman proposed a toast to the guests, when he said that the Association was nearly one year old.

It was, he said, not easy to be an infant, as so many felt by the way, and it was rather embarrassing for him because their beloved Vice-Chancellor spoke at the first anniversary meeting of the Hongkong Rotary Club and, as they knew, he was the first President of the Rotary Club. He (the speaker) had the honour of being the first Vice-Chairman of the Association, but there was no comparison, only a contrast.

Mr. Hong Sling appealed to all members and prospective members of Hongkong University to show their loyalty to their University by supporting the Association wholeheartedly, that they might be able to give back to the University as much as they received if not more.

The Chairman concluded by calling upon the "Father of the Hongkong University Graduates Association, Sir William Horne, to address us for the first time."

Sir Wm. Horne's Speech.

Sir William, in a characteristic address of mingled humour and seriousness, remarked that he was a bachelor and the Association was his only child. (Laughter). Vice-Chancellors had no time for matrimony. (Laughter).

He continued that he regarded the existence of the Association as absolutely essential to the University. Every School, College or University in England and America had its Old Boys' Association, and it was inconceivable that Hongkong University should not do the same.

"I believe that you have been happy at the University. I believe and know that you are proud of your University. It is worth while making a real effort to found an effective Graduates' Association, but that cannot be done without everyone taking a certain amount of trouble over it."

"We want it because I and my colleagues want to feel that we have behind us the sympathy and co-operation of the old graduates, and I most strongly appeal to every graduate, wherever he is, to join this Association and to take an active interest in this work."

Sir William also urged graduates in Nanking, Shanghai, Tientsin, Malaya, and, in fact, in whatever part of the world they were, to form themselves into a group and become affiliated to the parent body in Hongkong, stressing the important part they could play in

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The nativity pageant was beautifully portrayed both in singing and costume, while the carols were heartily sung by choir and congregation.

The service opened with the Christmas hymn "Once in Royal David's City," after which the Junior School sang "The Shepherd's Lullaby."

The carol "While Shepherds Watched their Flocks" was next sung, and this was followed by a delightful rendering by Miss Joan Lawrenson, Miss Marjorie Spence, and Miss Myra Robinson, of the scene from the Coventry Mystery Play of the three Shepherds presenting their gifts. John Miller took the part of Joseph and Austra Miller as Mary.

Mr. J. W. Baldwin sang "Nazareth" with great feeling, and the carol "The First Nowell" was sung by the whole gathering. Masters T. Sanh, McBrown and J. Mackay were the three Kings, who came to present their gifts to the Holy Babe, and they sang excerpts from the Coventry Mystery Play, while afterwards the carol "We Three Kings of Orient Are," with chorus was rendered, followed by the presentation of gifts by the children on behalf of the Victoria Home and Orphanage.

Before the close, the anthem "There were Shepherds" (Vincet) was sung by the choir, with Mr. J. W. Baldwin at the piano, while two carols, "Good Christian Men Rejoice," and "Hark! The Christmas Bells are ringing," sung by the Junior Sunday School, were also enjoyed. The final carol was "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing," after which the Vicar (Rev. W. Walton Rogers) delivered a prayer and the Blessing.

A retiring collection was made on behalf of the Victoria Home and Orphanage New Building Fund.

A Christmas Play, "The Next Door House," a Christmas play, was produced at St. John's Cathedral last evening, and was witnessed by a large gathering of several nationalities. The theme is familiar but the simple yet dignified manner in which it was told could not but impress the audience.

The religious atmosphere was well maintained, all the characters acting with impressiveness and restraint. The musical interludes were another factor which contributed to the success of the play.

Two further performances will be given to-day, one at 5.30 p.m. for which tickets were issued, and another at 7 p.m. For the second performance no tickets are being issued, and all seats will be free.

In conclusion he thanked the Association, on behalf of the guests, for the pleasant evening provided, and asked the guests to drink to the health of the Association, which was done.

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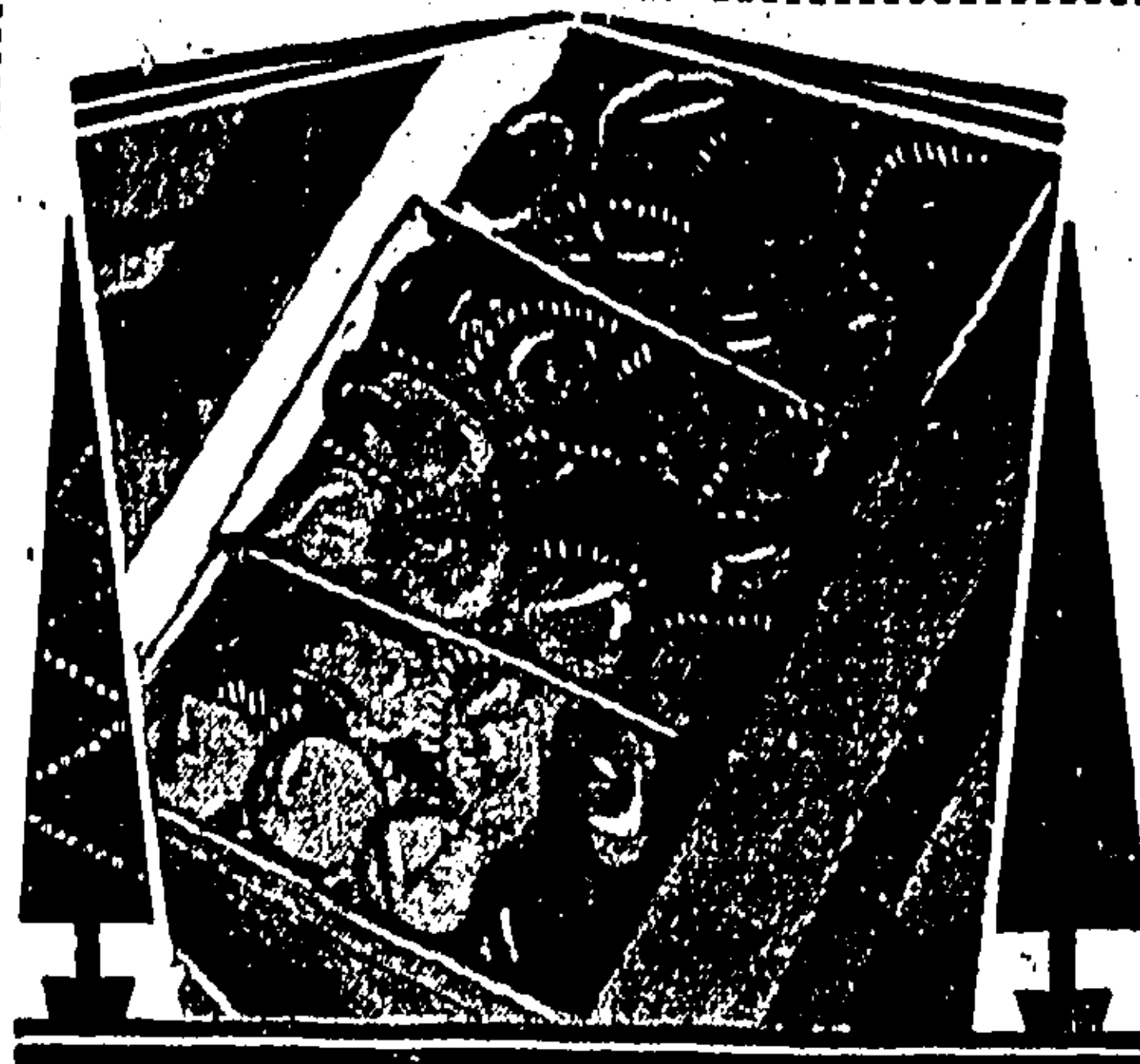
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In comparison with last year, this Christmas has not been such a busy one for Post Office officials dealing with incoming mails from England but they were required to handle more outward parcels.

Figures supplied by the Postmaster General, Mr. E. W. Hamilton, show that there have been large drops in all descriptions of parcels received here this Christmas, particularly in the numbers sent to the Services.

The Christmas mail last year brought in 947 parcels, but when the Karmala arrived last week, it had only 839 for local addresses. The classified figures are as follows: the figures in parenthesis being those for 1930:

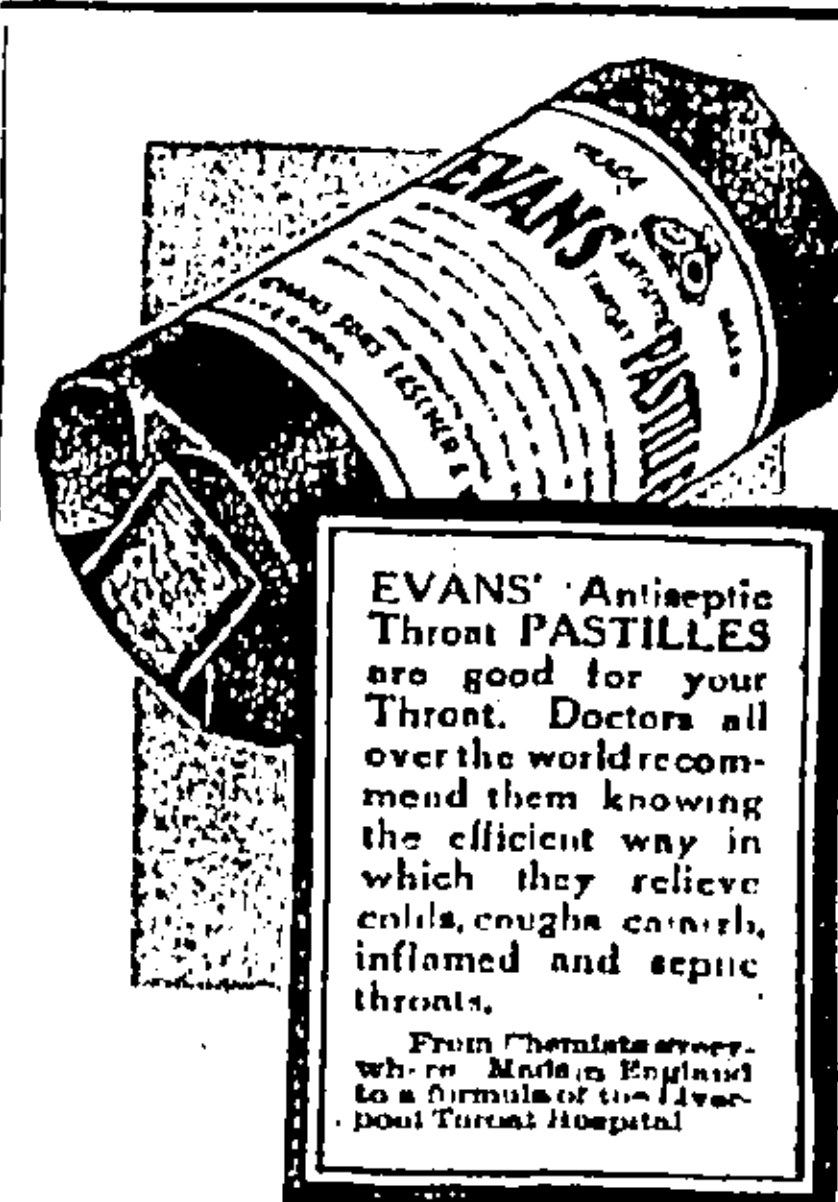
Ordinary parcels, 626 (626); insured, 100 (100); C. O. D., 8 (12);

Navy 74 (145); Army 31 (58). Similar drops are expected in the New Year mail. This will arrive on the Eumacus on December 27, but an estimate has been prepared, based on information brought in on the Karmala. Figures for the New Year mail are:

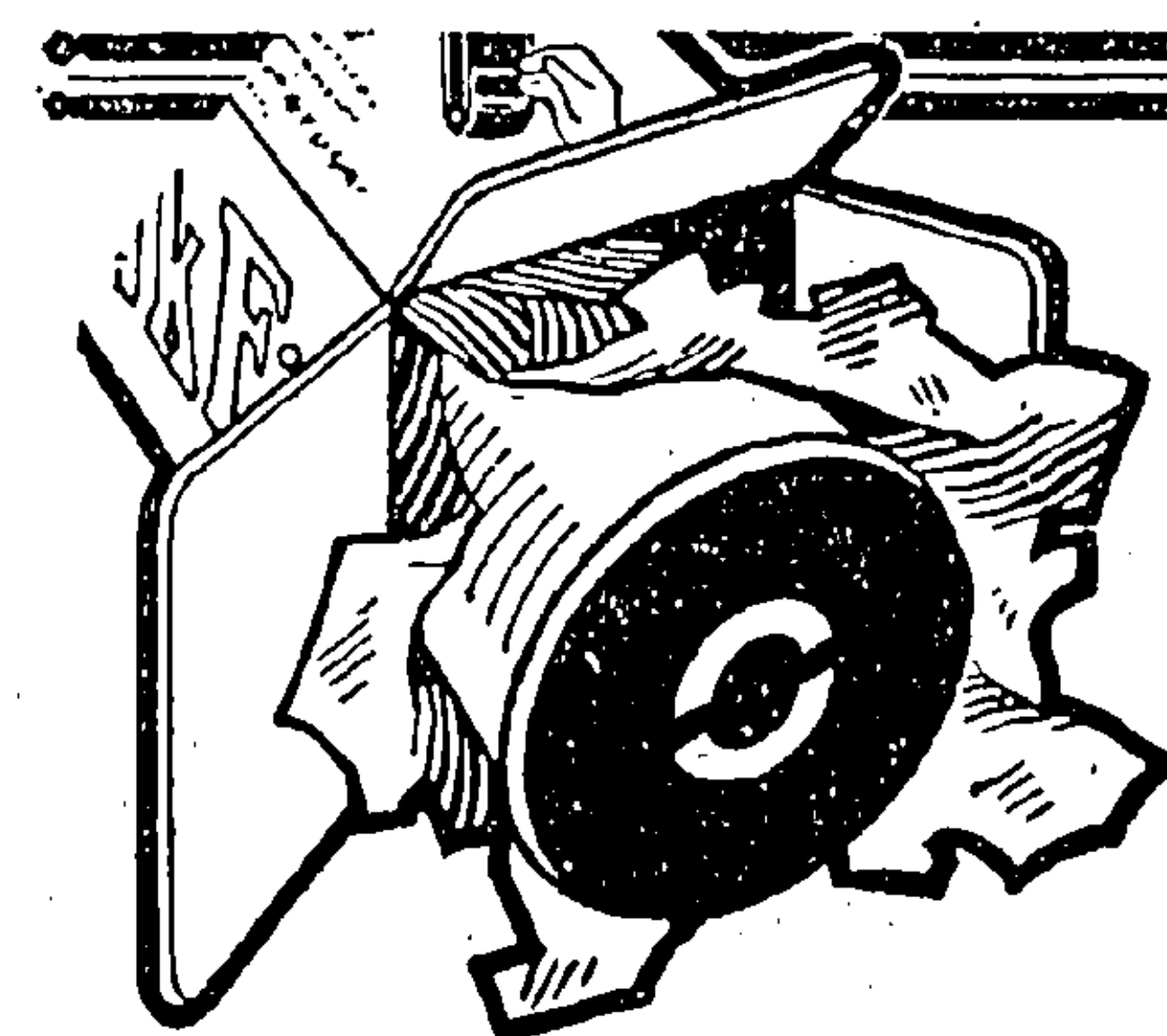
Ordinary parcels, 916 (836); insured, 127 (141); C. O. D., 10 (11); Navy, 114 (232); Army, 38 (88). Totals, 1,205 (1,308).

Parcels sent out by the Christmas mails are estimated to have exceeded last year's figure, for the inauguration of the "Small Packet Post" this year has prevented an actual comparison from being made. In 1930 the Christmas parcel mail was 4,101, compared with 2,923 this year, but this figure does not include the small packet post, a rough estimate of which (from November 1 to 20) is about 3,500.

New Year parcels in 1930 amounted to 2,303, as compared with 2,326 this year, but here again the figure does not include the small packet post.



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RESULTS OF PRIZE DRAW HELD YESTERDAY.

The St. John's Ambulance prize drawing was held yesterday at the rooms of the "Compendium" Association in the Chinese Building in the presence of the Hon. Mr. W. E. L. Shenton, Mr. Ho Kon-tong, Mr. A. Morris, Assistant Commissioner of the Brigade and many others.

The draw was for a motor car, which was the first prize, and nine other prizes. Two for articles to the value of \$1,000; four for articles to the value of \$500 and three for articles to the value of \$50.

The first prize was drawn by the holder of ticket No. 3881; the second prize by ticket No. 2694; the third prize by ticket No. 4996; the fourth, fifth, sixth and seventh by tickets Nos. 2804, 7894, 5259, and 2774; the eighth, ninth and tenth prizes by tickets Nos. 1676, 6740 and 4722.

The names of the prize winners are not yet available, as the numbers have first to be traced to their owners, but at the drawing itself it was learned that Mr. Morris had missed the first prize by one, his number being 8880 and also the fifth prize by one, his number being 7895.

All prize winners are kindly requested to apply to Mr. Fung Kong-ung, of Fung Tang Office, Pedder Building, for their prizes.

Ralphs Shield Competition. Seven divisions of the St. John Ambulance Brigade competed in the Part II of the Ralphs Shield Competition at King's College on Sunday last. The judges were Colonel C. D. Myles, O.B.E., R.A.M.C., and his staff officers, Major Flood, M.C., and Major Anderson, M.C.

The Indian, St. Joseph's College and Kowloon Divisions did not compete.

The competition consisted of a general inspection of men, equipment and the treatment of cases. The tests were chosen by the inspection officers and were of a character demanding an intimate knowledge of First Aid.

Dr. Valentine, Mr. T. K. Chak and the Assistant Commissioner were the Brigade Officers who were present at the competition.

The following were adjudged best in order of merit:

1. Y. M. C. A. (Hongkong); 2. King's College Old Boys; 3. King's College Present Boys and 4th. Mongkok.

In notifying the decision of the judges, Colonel Myles emphasised the importance of first aid work, and commented favourably on the general efficiency of the different divisions. He urged the men to continue with the work, observing that although there could be but one first prize, the world wide organization of the St. John Ambulance Brigade, the speaker said that it was remarked during the Great War that Field hospitals were often run by men of this organization alone.

THE BOY SCOUTS' ASSOCIATION.

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terests. The public may not know much of the work that is being done by these men, for big parades and such demonstrations play but little part in Scout training or routine. The Commissioner has always held before his officers and the boys the ideal of the knight-errant, the pioneer, the back-woodsman and the explorer—essentially lone workers who toil for the good of their fellow-creatures. It is, however, the intention of the Executive Committee to hold an exhibition of the work in which the boys are trained, so that the public may have some idea of what the local Association is doing.

"Our work would not have been carried on with such keenness and efficiency, had we not always received the wise guidance and sympathetic support of His Excellency the Chief Scout, who has once more shown his practical interest in the Association by sparing the time to come and preside at this meeting (applause). I beg to propose a hearty vote of thanks to His Excellency." (Applause).

Sir William Hornell, in seconding the vote of thanks, associated himself with what Mr. Kotewall had said.

Governor's Congratulations.

In reply Sir William Peel said that he felt an undeserved bouquet had been thrown at him and he had to acknowledge it. His Excellency heartily congratulated the Commissioner on the excellent and full report which he had written and which was another indication of the energy and keenness which lay at the back of the success which the Boy Scouts Association had achieved in Hongkong. Members of the Council were also congratulated.

Continuing His Excellency said that he was sorry his appeal of a year ago had not had better results. There was no doubt that more workers were needed, especially in scouts. He knew there were many institutions, which were added to every year, and these called upon the time of many people. He thought it was probable it happened that the same people came forward every time and it was difficult to get those who stood back. His Excellency reiterated his appeal.

It was very necessary in these days to take youths and train them in the ideals of service to fellow-men and their country and it was necessary that those ideals should not be idealistic theory but ideals of practice. "Do noble deeds and not think them all day long," quoted His Excellency, as a guidance to scouts.

His Excellency also congratulated the Commissioner on the interchange of visits with neighbouring Colonies and expressed the hope that they would be extended. As Chief Scout His Excellency expressed his thanks to the generous donors of funds for the upkeep of the Association. They seemed to get along quite well but they did want the extra money for Salween Camp. Those who had assisted had set a wonderful example and he hoped others would help them to pay for the camp.

In conclusion His Excellency thanked those present for their attendance at the meeting.

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The Prime Minister, Mr. Ramsay MacDonald has emphatically repudiated a document which is stated to have been in circulation in financial circles in Europe and America, and which professes to record a conversation with him by an anonymous correspondent. The statement is attributed to him that the Government would in no circumstances consider the stabilization of the pound sterling before 1934, and that it was unlikely England would ever return to the gold standard.

"There is not a word of truth in it. The whole thing is an invention," said Mr. MacDonald when he was shown the document, and added, "the opinions attributed to me have not even a shadow of likeness to the opinions I hold."—British Wireless.

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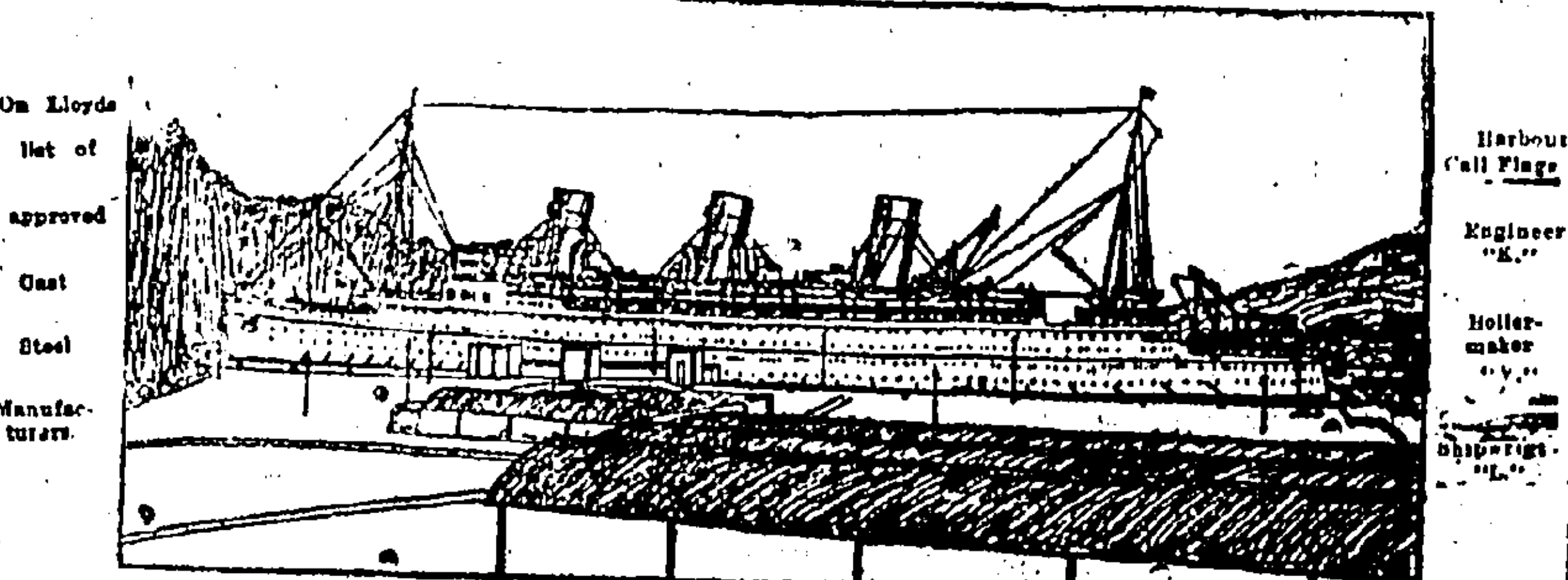
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Leave was granted for the notice of motion to be amended to allow the hearing at a later date, on the terms that the costs of, and incidental to, the hearing of the objection, should be the respondents' in any event.

The judgment was read by the Puisne Judge and the Chief Justice concurred.

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The action was heard by Mr. Justice Lindell who gave judgment for plaintiff with costs, and the appeal is against that judgment.

The Judges held that the appellant did not give the respondents reasonable notice, but they were not prepared to dismiss the motion out of hand. They thought the case was one in which the respondents had not been prejudiced by the irregularity to an extent which amendment could not cure.

Mr. R. C. H. Lim, instructed by Mr. P. H. Sin is for appellant-defendant, while Mr. Leo D'Almeida, junior, instructed by Mr. M. A. da Silva, is for respondent-plaintiff.

KOWLOON CITY ROBBERY.

CRIMINAL SESSIONS TRIAL.

The last case of the Criminal Sessions came before the Chief Justice (Sir Joseph Kemp) this morning, when Chung King-man and Li Fat were charged with robbery at Kak Hang Village, Kowloon City.

Mr. Somerset Fitzroy is for the Crown, while Mr. Hin Shing Lo is defending both prisoners. The following jury was empanelled: Mr. N. L. H. Bailton (foreman), Mr. T. Ferguson, Mr. E. W. Bailton, Mr. S. T. Butler, Mr. E. J. Spradbury, Kwan Sit-kwan and Chung O-yung.

In outlining the case for the Crown, Mr. Fitzroy said that at about 6.45 a.m., on October 16, a man entered the house with a pistol and threatened the inmates. Two other men tied and gagged

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SOLDIER SENT TO PRISON.

JUST OUT OF GAOL.

Sentence of three months' hard labour in all was imposed on Private Arthur Price, of the South Wales Borderers, who was this morning convicted by Mr. Fraser at the Kowloon Magistracy for theft of a dinner suit, a pair of boots, and a necktie, the property of Mr. T. A. Ellis, stolen from the European Y.M.C.A., and for the pawning of an overcoat, also the property of Mr. Ellis.

Inspector Elston, who prosecuted, stated that the defendant was in the habit of taking night beds at the European Y.M.C.A. One day, defendant said he had contracted a cold in the chest, and complainant thereupon lent him an overcoat. Later complainant found that some of his clothing had been stolen from his room. He informed the police and when they made enquiries at the Y.M.C.A. they found defendant wearing a tie which had been stolen. On being questioned, defendant admitted the theft and took the police to two pawn-shops, where a dinner suit and the overcoat were recovered, the former having been pawned for \$8 on the 15th inst. and the latter for \$15 on the 20th inst.

Nothing to say. His Worship:—Do you plead guilty or not guilty? Defendant:—Guilty, sir. What have you got to say?—Nothing, sir.

A military officer who was in Court, when asked by his Worship, said the defendant was not a good soldier and he was unable to say anything in his favour.

For the notice, Inspector Elston said defendant was one of two men charged in September last for assault and stealing a ride in a motor car, and he had just completed a sentence of two months. He deserted from his regiment on December 2nd and since then had been associating with Russians. He gave several false names when he pawned the dinner suit, and the overcoat.

His Worship:—It is incredible that he could have lived at the Y.M.C.A. without anybody knowing who he was.

Military Officer:—It is extraordinary.

The occupants and stole a number of articles of jewellery and money.

A student inmate later recognised prisoners in the street.

When charged, Chung denied that he was the man, while Li Fat remarked, "I have not got much to say. I was implicated by my friends," which, counsel pointed out, was not a denial. The case is proceeding.

ILL-TREATMENT OF MUI-TSAI.

FINES IMPOSED ON MISTRESS.

Inspector Fraser (officer in charge of mui-tsai) charged a woman named Chau Wai-lam before Mr. Williams at the Central Police Court this morning, with bringing an unregistered mui-tsat into the Colony and also with ill-treatment.

The defendant admitted the first count, and, in reply to the second, said she had beaten the girl because she had lost some clothing.

Inspector Fraser informed his Worship that the girl was found by a police constable in Percival Street on Monday. She was crying and complained of having been beaten by her mistress. It was found on investigation that the girl had been given to the defendant three years ago and on August 18 the defendant brought her to Hongkong.

Dr. G. H. Thomas, medical officer of the Government Civil Hospital, said the girl had cane marks on both thighs, but in comparison with other cases they were not severe. The girl had been given a beating but not a severe one.

The girl told the Court that she had been beaten for losing some of her mistress's clothing which had been left to dry on the hillside in Lee Yuen Street. She had forgotten to collect the clothing, which was later stolen.

His Worship, after examining the girl's bruises, held that the beating had been excessive although not severe, and fined the defendant \$40 on the first count and \$20 on the second.

SILVER DECLINES AGAIN.

HONGKONG DOLLAR UNCHANGED.

The silver market is again somewhat easy to-day, declines in quotations being reported both from London and New York. The Hongkong dollar, however, remains unchanged at 1s. 5.5/16d. on demand.

In London, silver dropped 1/8th spot and 1/16th forward. America and China were small sellers, but there was no special feature. After the official fixing, the market ruled idle.

The New York decline is a quarter, with the market easy.

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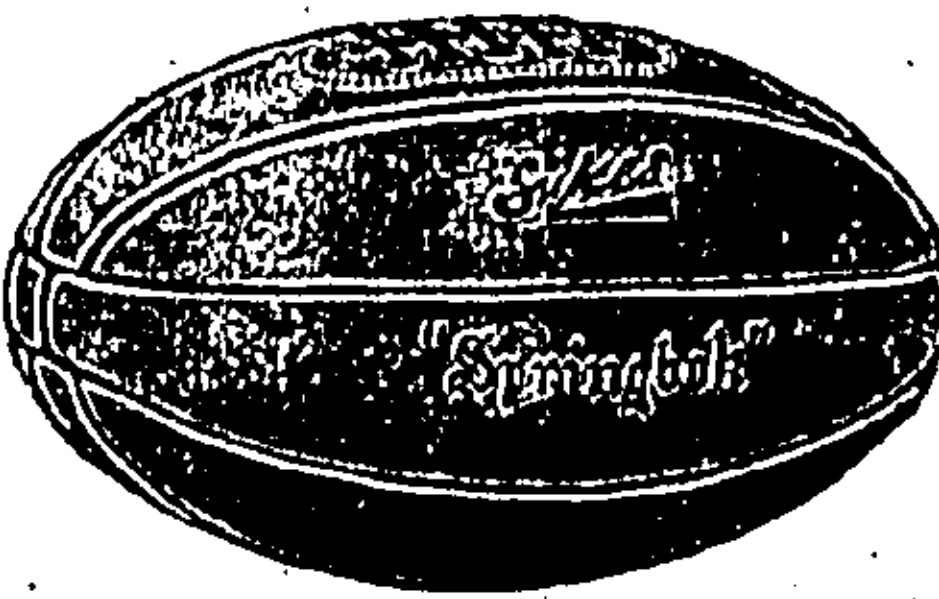
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